

## *How Yankee Gunners on Merchant Ships Have Fought U-Boats*

Lieut. Molter of the French Squadron Explains Formation of Patrols for Attacks and Tells of the Various Methods Evolved by the War for Getting the Enemy at Disadvantage in a Combat.

## Thrilling Tales From the Navy's Records

This is the second of a series of articles on air fighting by Lieut. Bennet A. Molter to be published in the Post-Dispatch. A third will be printed next Sunday. Lieut. Molter, who is in the United States on furlough and has had two years' experience with the French army, soon will join the American flying squadron with Gen. Pershing's army.

How John I. Epolucci, First of the Armed Guard to Die, Gave His Life for His Country and How the First Officer Perished—The Campana's Valiant Fight for Life Ended With Exhaustion of Shells.

**T**HE allied flying men hold the supremacy of the air on the western front today by sheer will power. It is the combined power of a thousand individual wills, of their daring, their skill and their devotion. But most of all it is their determination and confidence that keep the Boche back of his own lines in the daylight hours, when he can see the vital things. They are also the ones who permit the allied generals to know, through their flying eyes, from hour to hour, of all that goes on behind the German front.

**By RALPH D. PAINE,**  
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new device can be kept a secret by either side for more than a few days after it appears at the front. This is due not only to the number of our planes brought down, back of their lines, but to the German spy system—spies check up our planes as well as troop movements. So, in equipment we are equal. It is probable that for

**I**T is possible that his confidence in his methods was the cause of Guynemur's death. He particularly enjoyed outflanking and outmaneuvering his enemies, and then, when his nerve was fired, admitting the death stroke. The Hun pilot who brought him down was a novice, as is shown by the fact that he was himself killed within a few days, and by his boasting letter to his mother that "now she need have no fear for him, since he had conquered the greatest of all airmen." But novices do the unexpected, and it is possible that this youngster, instead of replying to one of Guynemur's maneuvers, by "executing a position of advantage," as the French are expected, became excited and did "the wrong thing" according to the book, but one which caught Guynemur off his guard.—LEUT. MOLTER.

the last few months we have had more planes than they, but they are always able to concentrate equal or greater numbers against us when they make a supreme effort.

Air supremacy is not to be determined by counting noses or weighing guns. It is the sum of a great number of details—and each detail is a combat between an allied and a Hun airman, hundreds in each 24 hours. We control the air because we win most of these combats—because the Boche fears us, fears to come over our lines, fears to take the risks without which he cannot make his work of great value to his General Staff. He has not given up the fight—far from it—but he fights desperately to defend his own ground and to invade ours, yet day by

day we beat him back, and day by day we go where it is most needful.

### Best Man Wins in Air

Victory in the combats on which all this depends comes down, since machinery is equal, to a question of the flying and fighting ability of the pilots. Given equal courage—and the

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Nor does this mean contempt of the enemy—that is fatal, and often has been. Fritz in the air is always dangerous, and one comes to regard him with a very real respect—not for his cause, but for his ability. There are too many allied 'planes that do not come home, too many pilots marked 'missing,' for any man who has been long at the front to have any idea that he can give Fritz anything less than the best he has. Only he knows that when he does hang on for the last inch he will win.

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One of the most thrilling and spectacular air duels ever witnessed started because one of our greatest aces, Navarro, had underestimated the Boche opposed to him. It was in the region of Dixmude, and Navarro swooped at him a little too carelessly. The Boche gave him the hardest battle of his career. Up and down, in loop after loop, in spiral, dive and twist they flew, slipping, turning and dodging, each looking for the fatal second when he could press the trigger on which his finger rested. Time and again there

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To be sunk with never a chance to fight was a bitter dose. It happened oftener during those early months of the game, while the gunners were learning the tricks of the submarine and before the owners were aiding them with smoke boxes, camouflage paint, and anthracite coal in the war zone. There was no loss of life on the navy list until the freighter Arctoe was torpedoed without warning, early in April. She was a slow ship, laden deep with merchandise. It was then that John I. Eppolucci, boatswain's mate, met his death by drowning while in the service of his

country. A tried man with three enlistments, unknown until then, he won remembrance because he was the first to go. His parents were Italian immigrants flung into the melting pot, and he was a true American. To his mother, who suffered her loss with Roman dignity and fortitude, the Secretary of the Navy wrote this personal letter:

### Italian Youth First to Die.

"It is with the deepest regret that the Department must inform you of a report from France to the effect that all of the enlisted men of the navy who formed the armed guard of the steamship Astec, of the Oriental Navigation Co., sunk by a German submarine on April 1, are safe except John I. Epoufouci, boatswain's mate first class, who is still missing. When last seen, he was in the second boat that left the ship. The Department does not yet give up hope that he may have been saved, but must frankly admit that the possibilities are remote.

"The sympathy which I feel for you can not lessen the sorrow which has come to you. You can only be consoled by the knowledge that your son bravely volunteered for this dangerous duty and was the first man to give up his life for his country in the present struggle."

Akin to this episode was the loss of the tanker Vacuum in April. The disaster was commonplace enough to the bestial annals of the German submarine campaign, merely that scores of men were set adrift in open boats and many of them perished of cold and exhaustion. Commanders of Imperial U-boats were winning iron crosses for such deeds as this.

The tanker was torpedoed in the morning before the lookouts had a glimpse of a periscope. Two minutes after the explosion tore the steel hull apart the stern of the ship settled under water, throwing the after gun crew overboard. These men were picked up by the captain's first boat. Somehow two other boats were dropped and pulled clear before the steamer dived to the bottom. In the afternoon one boat capsized twice in the heavy seas, losing four men who failed to hold on to the gunwales while the others were righting it. Eighteen men had been in the boat when it left the others. Besides the four drowned, 11 more died upon the thwarts or swash in the icy water that half filled the boat. Among these

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Their fates were very different. Young Bagley went into Cardenas Bay in the destroyer Winslow against heavy odds and fought his guns until he

died in his tracks. It was give and take between honorable foemen, and Bagley's finish was such as a brave sailor would choose for himself. The Spanish played the game like gentlemen, atfield and atfloat, and if you are fond of comparisons set an Admiral Cervera beside an Admiral von Tirpitz.

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comes able to recognize at great distances. He has to depend far more on the types of machines than on the markings which, are supposed to show the nationality of the plane, as the Bochs are using a great many machines which are carrying the cocarde of the allies. Usually these have a very small black cross painted in the center of the cocarde, but this cannot be seen 11 more died upon the thwarts or swash in the icy water that half filled the boat. Among these were Lieut. Clarence C. Thomas, commanding the armed guard of the United States Navy, the first officer to die in the war, and whose name will be coupled with that of Ensign Worth Bagley, who led the honor roll of the navy dead in the Spanish war.

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The center of the cocard, but this cannot be seen until very close, though under powerful telescopes it is plain enough to keep the Boche gunners from firing on their own machines. A pilot who approaches unwarily, in the belief that the machine was one of a friend, might pay dearly for his fault.

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In the Flanders district the recognition of planes is particularly difficult, because of the great number of types in use there. Besides the usual familiar types of Boche machines, and the French ones, there are planes of the British Royal Naval Air Service, the British Royal Flying Corps (different organizations with different types of machines), the Belgian Aviation Corps and the Portuguese army planes. Their types and size vary so much it is easy to make

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for nearly a month, waiting for orders and loading and discharging. Her captain and owner finally complained that there were as many men aboard as sailors in the ship's company, and their appetites were prodigious. They were eating up the profits of the voyage, and the vessel would be glad to get along without them.

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JOSEPH PULTZER.

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## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Lonely Regulars in Oahu.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Will you kindly do a few of us regulars a little favor by inserting this in one of your editions, especially since the writer is a St. Louis boy?

It is very, very lonely being over here on Oahu, the island, while our comrades in arms are striking at the Germans. It is monotonous personnel to play the soldier game on Red Hill while others are playing it where human, I may say superhuman, institutions are at stake. It is not conducive to the most complete satisfaction, we ought to feel as being so blessed, that while others even now live among awful carnage and die, we are permitted to spend our time doing the almost, at least comparatively, pleasant duties of colonial troops.

We have been favored with many things, but we clamor for more. We want letters mostly, not the nonsensical letter of the foolish virgin, but the kind of help which we would expect from mothers and sisters. We do not, most of us at least, care to spend our time in making correspondence, but, oh! how we would appreciate a few lines from those who are full enough of the "goods" to take an interest in us. I shall not say anything publicly which might be construed against the favor of our insular possessions, but I can say that we suffer here for clean diversion.

I address this in obligation to the boys who asked it, not for myself—though I wouldn't refuse a letter.

The boys say to tell the people that we are all of "battling" G. the pride of the regiment.

And old man Dutton says he might read a letter, too, and he's the oldest recruit in the regular army, in so far as I might judge, so I guess he deserves it. His nomenclature is Cephas J.

Yours truly,

Private Hugh F. Giffen, Corp. John W. Law, Corp. Andy Sandell, Corp. Haskell Johnson, Private Nathan H. Bryant, Private Vernon E. Hake, Private Irven H. Lewis.

Company G, Second U. S. Infantry, Fort Shafter, Hawaiian Territory.

## Are We Fighting Anti-Christ?

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

The Apocalypse or Revelation to St. John, chapter xiii: Here is wisdom. He that hath understanding let him count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man; and the number of him is 666.

Six letters in Kaiser, he has six sons, and the Crown Prince was born on May 6.

Six is therefore his predominant number; and three chiefs make 666. And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having seven heads, and upon his horns (the German helmets have horns), 10 diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy.

And here is understanding that hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, upon which the woman sitteth, and there are seven Kings, five are fallen, one is erect, the other is not yet come; and when he is come he must remain a short time.

Note on "The Beast in the Catholic Bible," published by Duffy &amp; Co., Dublin, Ireland.

"A beast, the seven heads are seven kings, that is seven principal kingdoms or empires, which have exercised or shall exercise tyrannical power over the people of God. Of these, five were then fallen; viz: the Egyptian, Assyrian, Chaldean, Persian and Grecian monarchies. One was present, viz: the empire of Rome, and the seventh and chiefest was to come, viz: the great anti-Christ and his empire."

A READER OF THE POST-DISPATCH.

## Reforming the Small Town.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Much has been said of the sermon of Rev. W. H. Whitlock of Lebanon, Ill., in which he consigned said berg to the devil. The real message of the sermon was in the method proposed for said consignment. This was by the forming of the better element into a municipal party subscribing to a platform of principles made and kept public. This would mean the defeat of the compromise administration and the temporary ascendancy of the vicious element, but the ultimate mobilization of the better element.

The next of the reform of the small town is glaring apparent. And the thing that stands most in the way is the petty personal considerations that rise in proportion as the civil unit becomes smaller and the surest way out is the submerging of the personal into the larger consideration of principle. In this the preacher's position is unquestionably sound.

LEBANONITE.

## NOT A PRIVATE WAR.

Many members of Congress find it difficult to understand that the United States is not engaged in a private war with Germany. That accounts for much of the excitement in Washington over Gen. Crozier's testimony before the Senate Committee.

This is a war in which the nations that are battling against Prussianism are obliged to supply one another's deficiencies. It is of little importance that we shall have to use French field artillery and French machine guns for months to come. The essential thing is that our troops as they go into French camps are fully equipped with everything that is needed, and nobody denies that they are.

It seems evident at this time that the Ordnance Department might have made a little better record in some respects last summer, but at the beginning of the war there were many questions to consider. First of all, it was necessary to make our own military preparations supplementary to those of the French and British, which was advantageous to the winning of the war but not to the immediate creation of a complete military establishment. As Gen. Crozier said in his testimony:

The principle adopted by our Government was that we would interfere in the least degree possible with the work of supplying the allies and we thought that it would be a poor assistance if we started in by depriving the allies of the materials being manufactured in American plants.

Secretary Baker says much the same thing in his annual report:

In addition to this, the industrial agencies of the country have been devoting a large part of their capacity to foreign production, which, in the new set of circumstances, it is unwise to interrupt.

This is a sound principle, and whatever errors of judgment may have been made in carrying it out, the net result has been to increase the military strength of the nations concerned. Whether the Secretary of War was justified in making a long experiment to find a new and more satisfactory type of machine gun reduces itself to a matter of personal opinion, and his opinion is perhaps as good as anybody's. The American troops in France will have all the machine guns they require, and it is hardly worth while to get hysterical about the source of the immediate supply.

We are doing far more for the British and French than they are doing for us, and nobody in Great Britain and France is humiliated because the United States is making their deficiencies good, whether of money or of food or of munitions or of ships or of men. After the Cambrai battle it was discovered that it was American engineers who were building the railroads for the British and running the lines up to the very first line trenches. No member of Parliament would find any reproach to the British Government in this, or would profess to be shocked because the British had not provided their own engineers. This is a war of co-operation, and what is required for the future is not less co-operation but more co-operation. If it promotes military efficiency in any respect for the United States to use French field artillery, for example, it should be employed without question to the end of the war, thus keeping our own factories at other necessary work. That applies to any other weapon which would require a readjustment of essential industry for this country to make in great quantities for itself.

The one important question raised by the testimony of Gen. Crozier is whether the head of the Ordnance Department, from this time on should not be a civilian manufacturer rather than an army officer. The expert work has all been done. The types of guns have been decided upon. It is now a matter of industrial direction and energy rather than of military judgment, and Congress could profitably consider the matter of reorganizing the Ordnance Department, putting all this vast work of making guns and munitions under the direction of a competent civilian administration to be selected by the President.

## SAMMY'S SYNOPSIS OF TROT.

That's a very funny notion that has come across the ocean telling of a great commotion yonder with our boys in France over whether music's treasure, high-brow, complicated measure, gives our soldier boys more pleasure than the synopsed dance.

We are told that fugues in minor, barcarolles and études finer give our dough boys there divine joys than any tinkling rag; that Beethoven, Bach the sturdy, Meyerbeer, Puccini, Verdi charm them more than any wordy George Cohan with his flag.

If we could perchance achieve it we most gladly would believe it—all this news as we receive it—of their cultural uplift, but it's hard to picture Sammy clutching to his breast some clammy virtuoso, saying, "Damn me, but you've got old Haydn's drift!" Still, if nocturne's light or stately chords sonorous march sedately through the soul that until lately never heard of a gavotte, when the big field pieces rattle and machine guns start to prattle Sam will march into the battle with a synopsised trot.

## BAD OIL STOCK BARGAINS.

Oil stock bargains have gone far below the marked-down price, on account of a recent decision of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Stock bought for 10 cents or 1 cent the par value of which is above these prices is worth nothing. Get-rich-quick stock has changed into get-poor-quick stock.

The Oklahoma Supreme Judges, having no respect for dreams of wealth, held in a decision that according to the Constitution of that State all corporation stock sold by the company below the par or printed value was not stock at all. The Judges also held that promotion stock should be issued only for amounts equaling the actual service of the promoter or the actual market value of the property involved. Leases worth \$10,000 in the estimate of competent oil men, the Court says, must represent in a stock company just that amount, not \$100,000.

What is going to happen to the stockholders, as a result of this decision, is not made clear. Apparently the person who bought the bargain stock should complain to the company. If the company does not offer some sort of adjustment, then complaint should be made to the State Attorney.

General. Perhaps he can bring about a settlement. If not, perhaps he will be willing to send a few promoters to prison.

Thus ends the latest, and one of the most widespread, campaigns of stock selling. Hundreds of Oklahoma companies have been selling stocks wherever they could evade blue-sky laws for prices that resemble those of the old-time gold and copper mine stock quotations. Perhaps most of the oil properties were worth more than the prospective mine sites of bygone days, but the value of the stock may be only the satisfaction obtained from sending an unscrupulous man to prison.

## MOTON ON NEGRO MIGRATION.

Major R. R. Moton, successor to Booker Washington at Tuskegee Institute, has served notice on the South that a continuation of political abuse and persecution of negroes will cost the South the rest of its colored labor. The warning is contained in Principal Moton's annual report for the school. Of the negroes who already have gone north, he says, "Thousands will never return."

Principal Moton takes occasion to say that at Tuskegee, the negro is regarded as belonging to the South, and that the pupils there are urged not to leave that section of the country without careful investigation of the offers from other sections of the country. He says:

The causes of the migration have been in the main economic, but there can be no doubt of the fact that the negroes, as a rule, have to leave behind them poor schools, inadequate police protection and exasperating farming conditions, under which so many of them have worked for so many years.

As to the remedies to be adopted by the South, Principal Moton says:

We have tried to impress upon Southern white people the necessity of a statesmanlike attitude if the remaining portion of the negro population is to be made content and serviceable.

Principal Moton also warns that the individual employer must act with caution. He advises that tenant conditions be improved and that free seed be supplied when floods or other causes sweep away the farmers' assets. He says that the negroes are striving for education and better conditions and that the whites must help or the negro will go elsewhere.

## COLLEGE MEN AT WAR.

As registrars of the various colleges and universities of the country are finishing their autumn tabulations of enrollment, it is possible to get a good idea of the tremendous response the American college boy is making to the country's call to arms.

Figures in 60 higher institutions of learning indicate that about 25 per cent of the male students are enlisted in some branch of national service. In addition, these colleges show a net loss of 21,000 in new enrollments, probably traceable to the same cause, and at least 2000 freshmen who had already matriculated have gone to the wars.

Most of the students who have not already gone are half expecting to be called before next commencement. A member of the faculty of Missouri University—which has already excused about 900 men—told a visitor the other day that his boys have their minds so much on the matter and are so uncertain as to what the next few months will bring forth that it is pretty hard to keep them interested in their studies.

All this is a high tribute, of course, to the loyalty and spirit of service of these young men, but there is also in it something that calls for serious reflection. It would be a mistake to strip the schools. The world's business will go on after the war and educated men will be needed to conduct it. It is common experience that young men who leave college prematurely rarely return. It might be wise to devise some system whereby at least a fair percentage of any college's bona fide enrollment might be subject to exemption. Certainly students under 21 should not be drafted.

The Russian-German peace parleys will probably provide the rope with which the Bolsheviks will hang themselves.

## CARDINAL MERCIER'S DEFIANCE.

Not only has Belgium's heroic cardinal, the immortal Mercier, striven to the utmost with the Generals and other representatives of the invaders of his country, but he has warned Germany that Belgium will visit Christian vengeance upon the despoilers of his country when the time comes.

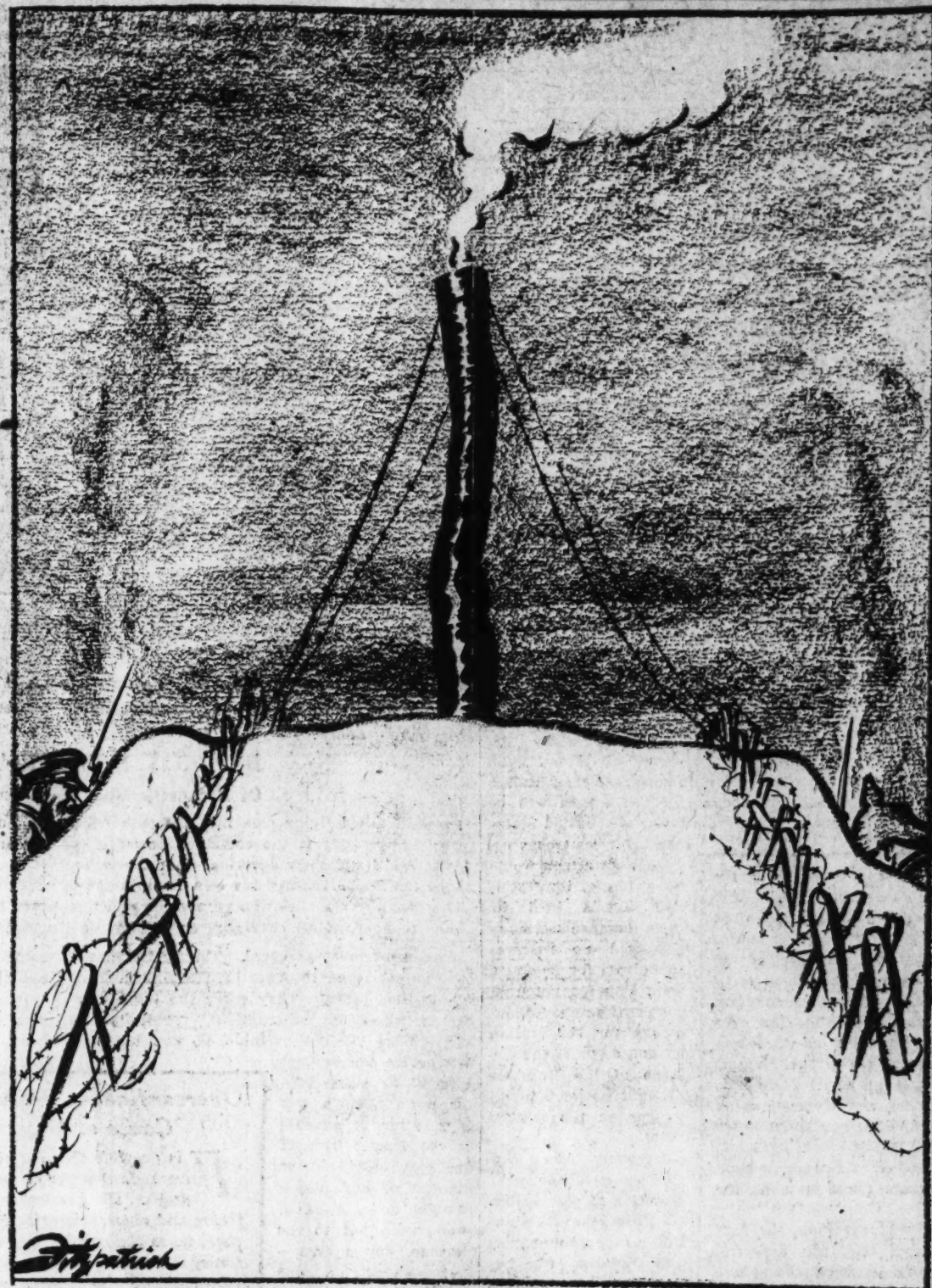
What this Christian vengeance means is set forth in the Cardinal's address, to the Deans of his diocese, delivered Jan. 29 last, and now comprising a chapter in the book, "Cardinal Mercier. Pastors, Letters, Allocutions, 1914-1917," just published in English by J. P. Kennedy &amp; Sons.

It will not mean turning the other cheek to the smiter. For the Cardinal shows, while Christ advised this as the Christian's duty in private wrongs, even he, when smitten in the hall of Calaphas, rebuked the smiter instead of giving him an invitation to deliver more blows. Says the Cardinal:

To return good for evil may be preferable in the case of individual wrongs, secretly inflicted. But, viewing the matter in a practical light, my dear Colleagues, in the parishes of your dearer hundreds of ravaged, pillaged and burned hearths; the absent ones of your congregations, whether deported as military or civil prisoners, are legion. Is it to avenge these personal wrongs that you people demand justice? In the name of my experience, and no less confident of yours, I venture to answer: "No."

It is the injury done to the nation which has evoked general indignation and demands reparation. The crimes against public order cannot remain unpunished. A prince who would exercise clemency systematically, would compromise public security. A people who would hold an amnesty with injustice, would be unworthy of liberty.

Brave and bold words these. And, it is to be noted, the Cardinal was almost delivering a prophetic rebuke against Russia, which since then, through its Bolshevik bandit Government, is actually holding "an amnesty with injustice," in seeking peace with the Prussian autocracy. There is no fear that Belgium will ever fall to that depth. She knows the offender and intends to share in his just punishment.



ONE SMOKE WHERE TWO STACKS SMOKED BEFORE.

## JUST A MINUTE

Written for the POST-DISPATCH by Clark McAdams

## THE MAN FROM YELLVILLE.

THE fat recruiting Sergeant  
Sat in his broad-beamed chair.  
The sound of peaceful snoring  
Stole through the midday air.

Every regiment recruited,  
Hardly room in the reserve,  
Justifies an old-time Sergeant  
From the path of light to swerve.

Then a long and lanky figure  
Entered through the open door.  
"Arkansas!" his hat proclaimed him,  
Six-foot-four above the floor.

Just an old-time Ozark heelstrider  
With a tanned and yaller cheek  
Where the skeeters planted ager  
Through the summer by the creek.

"I come in to join the army!"  
And with that the Sergeant woke;  
The sound moved him to laughter,  
For he thought he saw the joke.

But an Arkansas hill-billy  
Finds respect to be the fruit  
Of an honest look, when backed up  
By a Bowie in each boot.

So they sent him to the station  
For a chance at the reserve,  
While his limp brought admiration  
For the awkward heelstrider's nerve.

When they lifted up his pants leg  
(And at that they had to beg)

They found the limp occasioned  
By a patent wooden leg.

"You can't fight! We cannot take you."  
That's how the comments ran.  
When the heelstrider comprehended,  
The fight at once began.

They could tear his shirt and vest off;  
They could grab at him and strip him;  
They could pound him; they could beat him;  
But, b'goah, they couldn't whip him.

The Captain in the doorway  
Thought the row had better stop,  
So he leaned out of the window  
And he hollered for a cop.

Then at last they got him cornered  
For a final gallant stand,  
With his teeth a-bared for bitin'  
And a chair leg in his hand.

"Take me in your dam' ole army!"  
And his look was fierce and black;  
"I come all the way from Yellville,  
And I won't go back!"

There's a motto for our nation.  
As we fight across the sea,  
For what's good enough for Arkansas  
Is good for you and me.

"We'll walk right through the trenches,  
Through the tempest and the wrack;  
We've come all the way from Yellville,  
And we don't turn back!"

—H O



SANTA: Well, Ma, I Guess I'll Start Out.

MA: Are You Going to Take the Sleigh or the Tank?

## The MIRROR of PUBLIC OPINION

This column is designed to reproduce without bias the latest comment by the leading publicists, newspaper editors and periodicals on the questions of the day.

The Answers to Queries Department which formerly appeared in this column will be found hereafter on the first page of each page.

## TEACHING COMMON SENSE.

From the Omaha World-Herald.

We have lived through three years of the greatest war the world has ever known and we have not gone short of a single essential. Even the luxuries are plentiful, more plentiful than for the good of people. It is high time that some measure should be adopted to inject a little common sense into the people. In that sort of work the school teachers could be of very great benefit. Instead of talking to the children of the President's cousin of the war, teach them to exercise their common sense and the economics of every day life. If the school teachers of Boston had delivered a little lecture to the children concerning the "inexhaustible" mines of the United States it would have been good educational work and men and women would not have been dashing over the city trying to buy enough salt to last them for a lifetime.

Some of the runs made on the retail stores would be coming if it were not that they contain seeds of danger. If instead of trying to explain the mystery of high prices, there should be brought in, every school a pressure to produce and a denunciation of waste, prices would be plenty, not only for ourselves but enormous amounts to export. Economists long before the war asserted that the United States with its immense territory extending from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and from ocean to ocean, where everything can be produced that will grow in the temperate or subtropical zones, could come near feeding the whole world. With facts like those made a part of the teaching in the schools, the tale of some alien enemy could not disturb neighborhoods and as in some instances whole states. The students would have the facts and the parents would soon know them.

## Scandinavian Discontent.

From the New York Post.

THE delay in settling the issues between this country and the Scandinavian nations is most regrettable. We cannot believe that it is for the purpose of "letting them starve a little to chasten them properly," as some allege, but if that is the case, it is about time to let up on Sweden. All accounts agree that she is very near the limit of her endurance. With a bread ration 25 per cent smaller than that of Germany today, the latest news shows that her food situation is of the gravest. Now, when the real purpose is to force her into the war, the evidence seems plain that if she goes in it will be to join Germany, which nation is actually supplying her with Rumanian grain today. This fact the World's correspondent clearly brings out in his dispatch yesterday, in which he declares that Sweden who have no choice in the matter, and he reports that the Radicals and Socialists who have been pro-ally heretofore are of this opinion. The masses are worse off than in Germany, he finds, and the food and fuel shortage is being "bitterly felt." The allies have made such costly mistakes in their diplomacy that it would be doubly unfortunate if we were now to blunder in dealing with these distressed nations. They cannot read of the plight in which they find themselves and of our refusal to give them food without a growing feeling of distrust and dislike for the Government which withholds the necessities of life.

## War Assets.

From the Chicago News.

THOSE who discuss knowledge as well as entertainment in statistics will be interested to know that the 16 cantonments now housing the new national army were built in 90 days and represent a cash outlay of approximately \$150,000,000. The proportions of this construction job appear still more extraordinary when it is recalled that the largest year's operations in constructing the Panama Canal required an outlay of only \$46,000,000. Among further tangible military realizations of this year are 16 tented camps for the Federalized national guard, nine mobilization points for the regular army, three engineer camps, five medical camps, eight flying fields and aviation camps, nine reserve officers' camps and three mammoth embarkation ports. The productive energy which the nation supplies in the big construction job thus enumerated will be directed into other channels during the second year of the war. The cantonments and camps as they now stand are an important asset. The forces which created them will contribute to the attainment of still greater results in the coming months.

## Simple Bolshevik Philosophy.

From the New York Sun.

THE Bolsheviks are a simple folk, even those who have proclaimed themselves in office. They have reduced the science of government to four rules: (1) We shall shoot those who have opposed the freedom of our speech. (2) We give freedom of speech to all whose speech does not oppose ours. (3) We grant universal suffrage. (4) If universal suffrage results in the election of a legislative program we shall disband the legislative body.

## TODAY'S BEST CARTOON



OUR OWN HUN.

Alley, in the Memphis Commercial Appeal.



# Events in the Social World

## Interim Between Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays Causes Slight Lull in the Social World, but Christmas Shopping and War Work Has Kept Debutantes Fairly Busy—Holidays Will Not Be as Gay as in Other Years.

THERE has been a slight lull in the social world the past week—the interim between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays—but the debutantes have been kept fairly busy along with their Christmas shopping and preparation which absorbs the greater part of nearly every woman's time just at this season. No doubt owing to world conditions the holidays will not be as gay this year as in former times. There is usually much entertaining for the college set in which the debutantes share, and at this time last year there were more than 20 invitations out for parties of various kinds, while there are scarcely that number now, but perhaps there will be more entertainments of an impromptu and informal nature than it has hitherto been the custom to have.

SOME of the affairs of the week that occupied the "debs" were a bridge party given by Mrs. Howard Benoit for Miss Harriett McLaughlin of Chicago, who has been the guest of Miss Marian Francis; a theater party by Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Scott for Miss McLaughlin, Miss Edith Cates and Miss Francis; and another theater party by Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Treat for Miss Emily Bissell, another popular visitor from Chicago, all on Monday.

Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stanley entertained a bevy of debutantes and their escorts with a skating party, followed by a supper in honor of Mrs. Stanley's sister, Miss Ruth O'Reilly, who is one of the attractive buds of the winter. That same evening Mr. and Mrs. Judson Benoit of Brentwood gave a small dinner for their daughter, Miss Jane Benoit, another popular debutante. Wednesday Mrs. J. Will Boyd entertained about 25 of the buds at a luncheon at the Woman's Club for her granddaughter, Miss Elizabeth Shapleigh Kennard, who is another much sought-after debutante. Miss Kennard has not made her formal bow to society as yet, but will do so at a dinner dance which her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burton Kennard, and Mr. and Mrs. Lindell Gordon will give at the Bellevue Country Club on Christmas Eve in honor of Miss Kennard and of Miss Mary Randolph Gordon.

THERE are a group of women who have been energetically engaged in a work which means much to our community of which so many soldiers and sailors are a part just now. The work consists of establishing a Soldiers' and Sailors' Club at Twelfth and Olive streets for the pleasure, comfort and convenience of enlisted men who are located here or are passing through the city on their way to other fields of duty. More than 9000 men reported at Jefferson Barracks last week, every one of whom manages at some time or another to come to the city in search of recreation. Can a better or more important work be imagined than providing a place for them where they may feel comfortable and at home? That is what Mesdames J. Harrison Steadman, Robert Burkhardt, R. Niedringhaus, Edward W. Papin, Frank Bloek, Herbert Parker, C. D. Johnson, H. J. Pettengill, W. A. McCandless and Joseph Fuqua and Mesdames Charlotte Galloway and Sarah Tower are occupied with just now.

So many have been glad and anxious to help that gifts have poured in until most everything from a grand piano to an ironing board has been obtained and many a lonely and homesick soldier and sailor had will forget the petty annoyances that loom big in his mind in the hours he spends in those pleasant rooms that these patriotic women have provided for his comfort and entertainment.

EVERYONE'S attention has been given to the two patriotic campaigns which have been waged the past week—the Red Cross membership and the navy recruiting.

Mrs. Charles Parsons Pettus, who is the chairman of the Committee on Booths, is a woman who is keenly alive and interested in anything connected with the social, civic, artistic, charitable or patriotic welfare of the community. She has had a hard task in placing the women in the various booths which have been installed in the public buildings, but the women have responded nobly to the cause and through their efforts the Red Cross doubtless will exceed the hoped-for membership.

The women of the auxiliary to the Navy Recruiting Committee, headed by Mrs. Theodore Benoit, worked hard, long and faithfully, doing their best before the time for recruitment ended yesterday. On Mrs. Benoit's staff were Misses Lucille Benoit, Prudence Lucas, Doris Drummond, Louise Francis, Zoe Schotten, Miriam Benoit and Marie Baker.

Come to Woman's Exchange for your dolls. Bissell and Maryland avenues.—ADV.

ANOTHER patriotic movement in which women will take an active part is the sale of third stamps in the new \$2,000,000,000 loan. Mrs. Theodore Benoit has been chosen head of the Women's Auxiliary in this work and her co-workers are Mrs. William Donovan as secretary and Misses John H. Holliday, Dan C. Nugent, Otto Sherman, Benoit Carter, J. D. Davis and Miss Miriam Benoit. Tuesday a mass meeting for women will be held and every woman in the city who is anxious to help finance the

war—and every loyal, patriotic woman is—will be expected to attend the meeting.

THERE were three out-of-town weddings last week in which the bridegrooms were St. Louisans. The marriage of Miss Gladys Beamish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Beamish of Kansas City, and Randolph Fairfax Funsten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emmett Funsten, took place in Kansas City on Monday evening. Miss Mary Jane Thomson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Thomson of Austin, Tex., and Lieut. Charles Claffin Allen Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Claffin Allen, were married last evening in Austin, and Miss Mary Pyne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Livingston Pyne of New York, and Lieut. Colonel Oliver Dwight Filley, son of the late Oliver B. Filley and Mrs. Filley, last evening in New York City. Another out-of-town wedding of interest here which took place in Omaha, was that of Miss Fanny Todd Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Todd Clark, and Lieut. Malcolm Martin Mitchell. The engagement was made known on Sunday and on account of hurried orders received by the bridegroom the marriage was hastened. Lieut. Mitchell has been stationed at Fort Crook, the United States Army. Mrs. Mitchell will be with her parents at 4523 West Pine boulevard after Jan. 1, during her husband's service in France.

ONE of the most important weddings of the week in St. Louis was that of Miss Betty Whittemore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Whittemore, and Lieut. Matthew Scott Gardner, who took place on Wednesday at the home of the bride's mother. The bride made her debut three years ago and has been a popular member of the younger set. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gardner of Farmington, Mo., and a nephew of the late Matthew Scott, who was at one time president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He recently received a commission at Fort Sheridan in the infantry branch of the service.

The marriage of Miss Grace Glidewell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Glidewell of 3225 Russell avenue, and Dr. Paul O. Briceley on Wednesday came as a surprise, as the engagement had not yet been announced. Miss Glidewell has been one of the popular South Side girls since her debut two years ago and has a wide family connection in St. Louis. Dr. Briceley is the son of St. M. Briceley of Peoria, Mo. He was graduated from St. Louis University and is a member of the Medical Reserve Corps. Mrs. Briceley served as maid of honor for her cousin, Miss Matilda Cooke, when she became the bride of Dr. George Steinbock of Burlington, Ia., on Dec. 1. The wedding of Miss Zoe Brashers and Lieut. William Francis Freehoff was an event of Tuesday. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Brashers. Lieut. Freehoff is stationed at Fort Cook, with the Forty-first Infantry, where he and his bride will go after a short visit to the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Capt. and Mrs. E. V. Sherburne at Fort Snelling, Minn.

Sheffield Ware, Merrick-Ashle-Hutchinson Jewelry Co., Locust at Tenth.—ADV.

THE important engagement announced during the week was that of Miss Marie Wight and Eugene Williams, the wedding to take place Jan. 26. Miss Wight is the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Ira W. Wight of the Kingsbury apartments. She has been one of the belles in the exclusive set since her debut. Mr. Williams is the son of Mrs. Eugene Williams of Washington terrace. He is a well-known club man and has taken an active part in social affairs.

THE coming week will see the return of the college girls and those who are completing their education at Eastern finishing schools. From Wellesley will come Misses Beatrice Douglas, Carol Jane Wilson, Josephine Houts, Mary Edwards, Marion Winstead, Josephine January, Margaret Nettleship and Orate Thompson.

From Vassar, Misses Virginia and Katherine Gordon, Rosalind and Beatrice Thomas, Martha McChesney, Ellen Lee Hoffman, Cecil Bradshaw, Helen Wulffing, Gertrude McDonald, Elizabeth Nulsen, Nan Tausig, Catherine Bailey, Marian Gratz, Katherine Treat, Esther Capen, Mary McKelrick and Margaret Scott.

Five girls who have been attend-



MRS. MATTHEW SCOTT GARDNER.  
WHO UNTIL WEDNESDAY WAS MISS BETTY WHITTEMORE.

ing "Oaksboro," a finishing school near New York City, and who are expected to arrive for the holidays are Misses Lucy Ludington, Lida Crawford, Helen Battle, Josephine Edgar, Peggy Murphy.

The St. Louis girls Miss Bennett's school at Millbrook, N. Y., are Miss Mildred Petring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Petring of Washington terrace; Miss Emma Petring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Petring of West Pine boulevard; and Miss Elizabeth Holladay, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Holladay of Washington boulevard.

From Pine Manor, Dana Hall, Wellesley, will come Misses Frances Carleton, Marguerite Orthwein and Elizabeth Bradshaw.

The Eden Hall students at Philadelphia who will arrive are Misses Mary Denham Clark, Elizabeth Bennett and Olivia Harbush.

Miss Stella Garrett, who is a senior at South College, will also come for the Christmas season.

You, too, will like "The Cleanest Laundry Co." ADV.

The members of the American University Society heard a lecture on "The Drama as a Social Force" Tuesday afternoon. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Jan. 29, when Henry Hadfield will be presented in "Kipling, the Singer of His Clan." John Kendrick Bangs and Witter Byner also are on the program to appear at later dates.

Miss Grace Ryffel of 4826 Fountain avenue entertained last Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Cecile Lowenstein. The guests were Misses Louise Kroeger, Helen D. Devlin, Nina Lewis, Wilma B. Hetzler, Dorothy Coglan, Josephine Head and Vivian Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Wagner of 4517 Maffitt avenue entertained Saturday evening with a musical and reception in honor of the birthdays of their sisters, Mrs. Louise Broadhead and Mrs. Theresa Ottell. The music program was given by Mrs. Theresa Ottell, Miss Edna Brohammer, Miss Grace Wagner, Messrs. P. J. Reilly and George Furey. Others present were Misses Josie Rycklicka, Margaret Mulcahy, Annie Walsh, Messrs. Arthur Klein, Tim and James O'Connell, Messrs. and Misses Charles Brohammer, James Vasey and George Wagner.

A farewell surprise party was given Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Fried of Jefferson Barracks in honor of E. W. Lorch, who departed for Camp Meade Saturday with the Twenty-third Engineers. The guests were Messrs. and Misses Charles Lorch

and Misses Brookman, daughter of William H. Brookman, 4473 Page boulevard, was married Monday evening at 8 o'clock at her father's home, to Edgar Winsor Mansfield of Chicago, son of Mrs. D. Gardner



THE COLLINS-GIFFORD BRIDAL PARTY.  
Top row: Morgan Nugent, Knox Tausig, John Hinkle, Lieut. James Tausig, Fred Phelan, Miss Marie Church.  
Bottom row: Miss Grace Taylor, Miss Anne Collins, Mrs. Humphrey Gifford, Lieut. Humphrey Gifford, Miss Edith Nagel, Miss Eleanor Stahard.  
Flower girl: Betty Collins.

Mansfield of West Medford, Mass. The Rev. Dr. C. J. Stueckeman of Central Wesleyan College, Warren, Mo., performed the ceremony. The only attendant was the bride's niece, little Betty Krautner, who was flower girl. The bride's gown was of ivory satin and silver lace. Her bouquet was a shower of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. Relatives and a few intimate friends were present. Mr. Mansfield and his bride will spend their honeymoon at Asheville, N. C., later going to Boston and Philadelphia. They will reside in Chicago, where they will be at home after March 1.

Members of the B'Nai El Sisterhood will give a card party in the vestry rooms this evening at 8:15 o'clock.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. N. Boedeker of 2566 Benton street was celebrated Dec. 7. Four children, 11 grand children and one great-grandchild attended.

Mrs. N. A. Tatem of Norfolk, Va., formerly Miss Marie Lefavor, and little son, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lefavor, of 963 Good-fellow avenue, who also have with them for the holidays their son, Ralph G. Lefavor, formerly of St. Louis, but now living in Seattle, Wash.

Miss Helen Roberta Lenz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Lenz, 2546 Russell avenue, and Wallace Stradal, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stradal of 2325 Harrison street, were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. R. C. Williamson of Tyler Place Presbyterian Church, conducted the ceremony. Miss Ruth Simpson was maid of honor, and Walter King Stradal was the best man. Lieut. Richardson is stationed at Camp Doniphan with the 138th Infantry.

The Monday Circle was entertained by Mrs. T. H. Wolf of 2914 Dodder street last Monday. Mrs. H. W. Peters and Mrs. Charles Burnett read interesting papers and Mrs. Harry Montgomery read a number of selections.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McKee of 5456 Vernon avenue have received word that their son, Sergeant J. W. McKee and Corporal J. Donald McKee, have arrived in England. They went over with the "Princess Pat" regiment from Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kolb of 2214 Sidney street announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Alice Kolb, and P. R. Hoffman of Oklahoma City at a luncheon Saturday. The wedding will take place some time in January.

The Mothers' Club of Samuel Cupples School met Dec. 7 in the school kindergarten. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Upton Condy; vice president, Mrs. Frank Y. Gladney; secretary, Mrs. Charles Dietl; treasurer, Mrs. William Lee; members of the Executive Committee, Misses D. Hunt Fisher, Frank A. Wickenhauser and Miss Clara F. Jones.

Miss Elizabeth Erblich of 2903 Stoddard street will depart next Sunday for Indianapolis to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Starling of 3860 Arsenal street entertained with a formal dinner party Saturday evening. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wheeler, W. J. Buchanan, George Stevens, J. A. Schuller, E. R. Hensel and Miss Sue Hensel.

Miss Eleise Brookman, daughter of William H. Brookman, 4473 Page boulevard, was married Monday evening at 8 o'clock at her father's home, to Edgar Winsor Mansfield of Chicago, son of Mrs. D. Gardner

and Von Versen avenue, for the benefit of the Jewish war sufferers. Fancy work and merchandise will be for sale, and a chicken dinner will be served in the evening. Among those interested in the affair are Mrs. M. Golland, who is the president of the auxiliary; Mrs. C. S. Zatlui, Mrs. L. Cohen and Mrs. Simon Rosenberg.

At the December meeting of the St. Louis branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, Superintendent of Public Instruction John W. Withers spoke on "The Present Status of the Food Problem."

At a special meeting of the Wednesday Club, to be held on Thursday at 3 o'clock, Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Leland Stanford Jr. University, will deliver an address on "The Present Status of the Food Problem."

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Seufert of 3167 South Jefferson avenue entertained on Wednesday evening with a card party.

The Missouri Division, United Workers for the Cripples, will give the crippled children a Christmas party, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 27, at the home of the president, Mrs. F. W. Baumhoff, 3501 Victor street. Mrs. Charles McDonald is in charge of the entertainment. Mrs. A. A. Moll of the automobiles and Mrs. Jane Tausig Kauer, Miss Ida Tausig, Mrs. Frances Althoff will supervise the refreshments.

Miss Nettie C. Hammer of 3735 Juniper street entertained with a card party and miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Melba Galsler whose engagement to Ray Gutke of 5329 Barmine avenue has recently been announced. Those present were: Mesdames Norma Galsler, Hilda and Leona Wettlake, Florence Yeager, Myra Miller, Eunice Kemper, Margaret Nink, Tina Brock, Margaret and Lee Winkelman and Mrs. Charles Spitzfaden.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Crawford of 7099 Kingsbury place have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Dorothy Crawford to Mr. R. Byron Billingsley of 5653 Cabanne avenue which took place, Dec. 7 at the King's Highway Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Marcus Harris of 14 Washington terrace is entertaining as her guest, Mrs. Fred C. Jensen of Salt Lake City, Utah. Mrs. Jensen is en route home from Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Russell of Webster, Mo., are entertaining Mrs. Frank E. Jack and daughter Mrs. I. C. Sorell of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. A. Cary Carper of 5256 Vernon avenue who has been ill at the Jewish Hospital has recovered sufficiently to return to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ambler of Clifton, Ok., will arrive next Wednesday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Ambler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin W. Macfaine of 3130 Lafayette avenue.

Mrs. John C. Muckermann of 4464 West Pine boulevard has issued invitations for a tea dance Dec. 25 from 4 until 7 o'clock in honor of her daughter, Miss Rose Marie Muckermann.

The St. Louis Women's Safety League held its regular monthly meeting Dec. 13 in Mr. Conley's office at Tower Grove.

The marriage of Mrs. Margaret Linkhart and Henry Wallis, both of Overland, Mo., took place yesterday morning at Clayton.

Miss Genevieve Helen McAlliff, daughter of Mrs. Florence McAlliff, and Perry North Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip N. Moore of 3125 Lafayette avenue, were married last Saturday evening at St. Margaret's

Church by the Rev. Father O'Brien. Mr. Moore and his bride left for Chicago to spend their honeymoon, and will go from there to New York to reside.

Mrs. S. Clark Reynolds, who is in the East for a short visit, will return next week. Mrs. Reynolds will make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Oliver, 4733 Westminster place, while her husband, Maj. Reynolds is in France.

December 5 Mrs. Rose Kerwin and Clarence Wells Parsons were married at the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. John Hoehn, 4577 West Belle. Mr. Parsons left Saturday for Washington to join his regiment.

Mrs. F. H. Littlefield returned Friday to the Warwick Hotel from California. She has recovered from a severe illness, but not sufficiently to assume her duties as vice president of the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs and president of the St. Louis Parliamentary Club.

At the regular Saturday night dinner dance at the St. Louis Country Club last night, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson E. Bridge entertained a party of 28 in honor of their daughter, Miss Marion Bridge, and Mr. and Mrs. George F. Steedman had a table of 25 guests for Miss Doris Drummond.

The Mercantile Club announces its first formal supper dance of the season for members and their friends will be given tomorrow night. This follows the success of the informal dinner dances which are held twice each month. The club is planning another dance for New Year's eve.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Banister and daughter, Miss Marian Banister, of 4516 West Pine boulevard, are guests at West Baden Hotel, West Baden Springs, Ind.

The Queen's Daughters of St. Matthew's Parish will entertain with a euchre party Friday evening at 8:15 o'clock in St. Matthew's School Hall, Sarah street and Maffitt avenue.

Miss Sarah Westfall of 6844 Clayton avenue, who was in the East all summer studying music, will arrive home today to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Westfall. After the holidays Miss Westfall will return to the East to resume her studies.

More women assisted in preparation of surgical bandages at the Red Cross workshop on Washington University campus and at the University Medical School during the past week than at any previous period. An evening session was added Wednesday to the University workshop, owing to the urgent call for five-day bandages. At the evening sessions large numbers of men appear for work, and they are rendering valuable service, especially on the rolling machines.

There is urgent need of more workers in the basement of the medical school workshop, where an order for 25,000 pads is being made up by women under direction of Mrs. W. A. Hardaway.

The women's defense special party of eight women, sent out by the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense, Missouri Division, which has been touring the northwestern part of the State in a special car furnished by the Walshaw Railroad, returned yesterday. It started out Dec. 18.

The chairman of department reports that the women of the State are thoroughly aroused to the needs of the time and are anxious to do their utmost to help win the war.



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## NURSE WRITES OF WATCHING A BATTLE IN AIR

St. Louis Young Woman Tells of Thrilling Experiences Near Front.

Louise Hillgass, a St. Louis girl, serving as a nurse under the Red Cross in France, has written an interesting letter to her brother, E. F. Hillgass, 6459 Wellsman avenue, Wellston, reciting her experiences near the front. Miss Hillgass was formerly assistant superintendent at St. Luke's Hospital here and departed last May as a member of unit No. 21.

Miss Hillgass witnessed the bombardment of Lens, was at Ypres while it was being shelled continuously day and night by the Germans, performing surgical operations and amputations amid exploding shells, and was one of a few women permitted to go through Arras since the beginning of the war.

Her letter, which was addressed to John Hillgass, a brother, at Ukiah, Cal., and by him sent around among the family, is dated Oct. 21, at Rouen, France, and reads:

"Well, old boy, I haven't written you for some time, and the reason is a good one. I have been madly busy, and have been doing active service at the front—or six miles from it, as near as any woman has ever gotten to the front.

"Some time ago I told you about the surgical team. Two medical officers, nurse and an orderly composed a team. One M. D. gives the anesthetic and the other and the nurse operate. The orderly does the heavy work.

"Well, I got to be quite a surgeon. But now let me tell you about my trip in an ambulance. There were four ambulances. We left Rouen at 8:50 a. m. Arrived at a little town called Abbeville at noon: had dinner in a queer old hotel. Then at 1 p. m. started again. On we went to the front. It soon got to be most interesting; about 3 o'clock we came to the trenches and dugouts, which had first been used by the Germans, then as they retreated, by the English and French. We arrived at Arras at 6 p. m. Of all the sights! Every building in this place was ruined—a skeleton of a large city. It is occupied by English soldiers now. We went through slowly and saw the sights.

"Then we came to St. Katherine, where our guide stopped to find his way. While we were waiting some Tommy came and asked if the sisters wouldn't have tea. So we all gladly accepted, since we were getting pretty tired and hungry. Off we traveled to an old wrecked building. We climbed down the steps to an old damp, mouldy cellar, where we found a few bunks and a plank for a table. We just started to drink our tea out of tin cups and cans when an order came for us to leave at once, since it was getting dark and the roads hard to find.

"So off we climbed and rode miles till we finally stopped again, since the lay of the land didn't look good to our guide. So we turned on another road which led us to Mt. St. Eloi. There we stopped at a field hospital to inquire. We were quite lost. They sent our guide to the Divisional Inspector to get orders. He said we were headed to a place that the Germans had taken that afternoon. We were then on our way to Camp 'Military,' where we had a wonderful dinner with the big chief. After dinner at 11 p. m. we four sisters were sent back 10 miles to our main camp at the camp.

"In the morning after a nice breakfast we were taken back to the camp to join our party. Then with an escort we started to another clearing station 100 miles away by ambulance.

"We took a sight-seeing trip, since we were so near this famous land. We went to Vimy Ridge, rode just along the road through Schoutez woods, where a famous battle was fought at the beginning of this year. And let me tell you, such woods! Every tree was stripped of its bark and branches, and most of them were split off about 15 feet from the ground. Then we went on through what had been little villages, but now was a heap of brick and stone, nothing but old foundations left. We rode on up between Vimy and Notre Dame, climbed Mt. Notre Dame and looked over the valley of Lens. Saw a bombardment taking place at Lens. Of course, could see only puffs of white smoke since we were about five miles away.

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"Then we went on and on until at 4:30 we came in sight of Ypres, where we were stationed six miles out, a mile from Poperinghe, which, by the way, was shelled daily and nightly. There we stayed for two weeks through a rush. While there the enemy came over every night, dropping bombs in our immediate vicinity. When they came the sky is full of searchlights and the anti-aircraft get lively. On two occasions we stood out with our steel hats on and watched a battle in the air just over us, the shrapnel shells bursting, and the fire flying. It was quite an experience.

"I was working in an operating room where 150 operations were done a day—24 hours. Seven tables were kept going during the day and five at night. I was on at night. It was indeed thrilling. While we were busy patching and amputating inside, the bombs were being dropped close by. We just looked at one another and continued our work. I felt as I have often felt in a terrible storm, except I have never had the earth tremble and building shake quite so much, and the roar of the guns was more constant than thunder. This would continue about two hours, then all quiet till about 4 a. m., when the battle front would waken with its roar. We could see the sky light up at the front. You see, on No Man's Land, each side at intervals burns a bright light to see what is taking place. The Germans had a red light. Then the gun's flash would show in the sky. We had a most interesting and thrilling time.

"After the rush we were sent home by train. We spent five hours at Boulogne, from 8:30 p. m. to 1:30 a. m. They had had a raid warning and all was pitch black. But we were used to real raiders and were not alarmed. During the day we had seen three enemy machines high in the air. The anti-guns tried in vain to reach them. We left Boulogne at 1:30 a. m., landed at Amiens at 6:30, had cocoa and bread for breakfast, train out at 7 for Rouen.

"Gee, it was cold all the way. You see, we haven't much coal over here and so we are half frozen most of the time. I was quite worn out after I reached here, so stayed in bed 24 hours. Now I am quite well and rested.

"Now, hasn't this been interesting? ... Much love to all.

"LOUISE."

Monday

Tomorrow

# Garland's

## Mid-Winter Sale of

# LA VOGUE COATS

Involving many hundreds of smart, warm Coats—the La Vogue Company's end-of-year surplus. This important annual event is later this year than in former years, due to unsettled transportation conditions, as well as changed conditions with the garment manufacturers. But it offers greater values, as a result.

**These Coats Are Worth \$25.00 to \$79.50**  
**In 4 Sale Lots---\$13.75, \$18.50, \$27.50, \$38.50**

Choice of Lot 1—  
Values \$25.00 to \$29.50

**\$13.75**

In this lot are soft wool velours, with fur or self collars; colors are navy, brown, green and black. Also mixtures and fancy weaves. Belted and loose models, huge muffler collars, deep pockets—Coats with lots of style and a world of warmth and service for motoring and general utility wear.

Choice of Lot 2—  
Values \$35.00 to \$39.50 **\$18.50**

Choice of Lot 3—  
Values \$40.00 to \$55.00 **\$27.50**

Choice of Lot 4—  
Values \$65.00 to \$79.50 **\$38.50**

**Every Popular Fabric—Every Fashionable Color—Over 60 Styles**

Pompoms  
Silvertones  
Wool Velours

Bolivias  
Vicunas  
Tweeds

Seal Plush  
Broadcloth  
Novelties

Belted Models  
Semi-Fitted  
Straight Line

High Waisted  
Cape Collars  
Gathered Backs

Street Styles  
Military Styles  
Motor Styles

All have the large fashionable collars—some entirely of fur, others fur-trimmed and many of seal plush or self material. Linings of pure silk or silk peau-de-cygne. In colors there is a choice of black, navy, new browns, Russian greens, Burgundy, wine, taupe and silver gray. Many warmly interlined for motor wear. Styles include:



Coats in Sketch:  
At left, Russian green velour, with genuine racoon collar, \$27.50  
At right, Bordeaux x 2 Silvertone, with convertible collar, \$27.50

# Dresses—A Sensational Sale

225 Dresses, Values \$49.50 to \$125.00

On Special Sale Monday at

**\$18.95**

Evening Dresses worth to \$125

Afternoon Dresses worth to \$49.50

Dinner Dresses worth to \$59.50

Street Dresses worth to \$49.50

Evening Dresses, with velvet bodice, and skirt of gold or silver cloth and new pointed train.

Evening Dresses of pussy willow silk, richly lace trimmed and in combination with Georgette.

Evening Dresses of satin brocade, with silver or gold lace trimming—very smart.

Evening Dresses of silk tulle over silver cloth; elaborately trimmed with silver lace.

Afternoon, Dinner and Street Dresses of serge, serge and satin combinations, velvet and satin combinations, satin and Georgette combinations. Also Dresses of all satin and all taffeta, with embroidered bodice and cuffs, some with white Georgette collar and vest. Over 50 styles in the group. All sizes. Choice at **\$18.95.**



"Kismet," the Dress pictured, a Douillet model, of cloth of gold and black costume velvet, shoulder drapery of soft mesh gold net, banded with jet. Original model was priced \$125. Sale price, \$18.95.

**\$15, \$20 and \$25 Dresses**

**\$10**

**Serges—Satin—Taffetas**

Dresses for street, afternoon, restaurant and business wear. Draped and pleated skirts, tunics, coat dresses, plain tailored models. Colors and trimmings are in a wide and varied range. Sizes for misses and women.

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Sheffield Sugar and Cream Set; price, per set.....**\$6.00**

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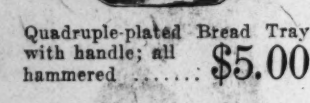
Sheffield Cheese and Cracker Dish; hammered border; butler finish.....**\$4.50**



Sheffield Bread Tray; pierced design; very special.....**\$1.75**



Sheffield Sandwich Tray; pierced design.....**\$2.75**



Ten-inch Sheffield Bowl; pierced design; thread edge.....**\$5.50**



Sheffield Meat platter, 12-inch size.....**\$6.00**

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Sheffield Flower Basket. A splendid centerpiece for the table.....**\$6.50**



## Great Sale of Slippers

BEGINNING tomorrow and continuing as long as they last—we offer over 1200 pairs of Women's and Children's Felt Slippers at 98c a pair. The assortment includes—

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## Simonds Tells Why Allies Victory Waits on U. S.

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the British. This would mean a rate of attrition for her which would be murderous. But since France has lost proportionately almost as heavily as Germany, the Germans can exchange casualties with France safely.

The cardinal principle of German military operations now must be to complete the attack upon Italy—that is, to open so deep a wound that Italy may bleed to death, as Russia did, and then turn her attention to France. The Italian conditions are such that France and Great Britain will have to maintain troops in Northern Italy, as they have to maintain troops at Saloniki, and this will be a grave handicap upon the western front.

There should be no mistaking the fact in the United States that the defeat of Russia has totally changed the whole situation in that it has supplied Germany with a strategic reserve, that it has reinvigorated the war spirit of the nation, and that with newly acquired resources of guns and materials, captured from the Russians, Germany is now able to strike one more blow before we can possibly become an effective force on the western front.

We Begin Next Summer. During next summer we shall have some hundreds of thousands of troops in France. We shall have a certain number of divisions upon the firing line. We shall have many more divisions behind the firing line, getting their training, but we shall be unable to take over any considerable portion of the German assault

next year—precisely as the British were not able to take over any portion of the German assault upon Verdun between February and July, 1918.

It does not seem to me that these facts warrant any pessimism, although we are certain to have a period of depression growing out of the apparent inexhaustibility of German resources and the inevitable local successes of German arms, such as the recent Cambrai episode and the considerable success in Northern Italy. Germany is compelled again to make tremendous efforts and to gamble on an immediate decision with new assets to avoid that defeat which is inevitable when American numbers restore the balance destroyed by the Russian defection.

French, British and Italian numbers are equal or superior to the present German forces, but they are not largely superior. The morale of the French and British troops is equal to that of the Germans. The morale of the Italian troops, as a whole, is plainly inferior to the German and perhaps equal to the Austrian. But French and British numbers are not sufficient to bring a decision in the field next year. They will never be sufficient to do this. The real decisive thrust of the war must come from the United States, and can come only when the United States has sufficient numbers at the front to deliver a great blow. It took Great Britain two years to train its citizen army and get it to France. It will not take us any less.

We are entering a new phase of the war. The campaign of 1918 will begin with a very clear perception on the part of all general staffs—ene-

mies and allies alike—that the decision of the war will rest with the nations whose spirit endures most steadfast and that the real defeat may come not in a Waterloo or a Sedan, but in a collapse behind the lines, such as has destroyed the great Russian forces during the present year. It is rather a question whether the German spirit or the Anglo-French-American spirit is the first to weaken, and it is a moral certainty that if our troops arrive in France in time, the ultimate advantage must be with the allies.

Nor does there seem to me any reason to doubt that the French and the British can bear what will be the ultimate German assault, made possible by Russia's revolution and the release of some hundreds of thousands of German troops to constitute a new German strategic reserve. Somewhere between 500,000 and 750,000 troops have been released for the western field, and with her usual wisdom Germany is preparing to use this new reserve for one more attack, rather upon the spirit of her enemies than merely upon their trenches.

### Safe Fat Reduction

Reduce, reduce, reduce is the slogan of all fat people. Get thin, be slim is the cry of fashion and society. And the over-fat wring their hands in mortification and helplessness, revolting at nauseating drugs, afraid of violent exercise, dreading the unbecoming and unsatisfying diet, until they hit upon the harmless Marmola Prescription and learn through it that they may safely reduce two, three or four pounds a week, without any change in their mode of life, but harmlessly, secretly and quickly, reaching their ideal of figure, with a smoother skin, better appetite and health than they have ever known. And now comes Marmola Prescription Tablets from the same famous harmless formula as the Marmola Prescription. It be- lieves you to learn the satisfactory, beneficial effects of this great, safe fat-reducer by giving to your druggist 75c for a generous-sized case, or sending a like amount to the Marmola Co., 444 Woodward Av., Detroit, Mich., with request that they mail to you a full case of Marmola Prescription Tablets.—ADV.

Knox, assistant superintendent of public schools, will deliver an illustrated lecture, "A Photographic Journey from Jerusalem to Bethlehem."

The Jovian League will hold a Christmas feature meeting at the American Annex Tuesday at noon. It will be ladies' day. George Platt

Other officers are: William R. Jentry, Archer W. Douglas and Dr. Arthur C. Kimball, vice presidents; Alroy S. Phillips, secretary, and Edward F. Jackson, treasurer.

Patriotic Services at Church. The monthly patriotic program will be conducted tomorrow night at

Grace M. E. Church, Skinner Road and Waterman avenue. The leading address will be given by former Gov. Yates of Illinois on "All That We Have Is at Stake." At the morning service, 11 o'clock, the Rev. E. J. Helms of the Church of All Nations, Boston, will speak.

Gift selections from our extensive Holiday displays are bound to please. You surely will want to visit us. A few moments spent in our store will solve your problems of what to give. Come early.

## Christmas Suggestions

—of a Sort That Kindles the Joylight in Eyes of Wife or Husband, Brother or Sister, Sweetheart, Everyone, Because They Endure!

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New and Clever Gift Models in Two Great Groups at

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Crepes de Chine and Georgettes, embroidered and lace trimmed, pin tucks, also nets, large embroidered collars and square necks; white, flesh and maize. Packed in Holly Boxes.

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Georgette Waists and Crepe de Chine, embroidered, tailored, with high and low neck effects, others with large collars, lace trimmed. White and flesh. Choice, \$3.65.

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Red Fox Sets—Cape-lined animal scarf and large, round muff trimmed with head and tail brush. Reduced to...

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**\$21.00**

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About 50 Silk and Serge Dresses, while they last tomorrow, \$5.00

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Group No. 2—Every Coat must go! Wool Velours, Burellas, Kerseys and Meltons—fur and fur-fabric trimmed, some self-trimmed. Many with large fur collars. Wonderful values.

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Group No. 4—Fine Flush Coats, Broadcloths, Pompoms, Wool Velours, Burellas, etc., in newest shades and styles. Tremendous variety to choose from. Choice.

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Wash satins, crepe de chine, wash satin and Georgette combinations, embroidered and lace trimmed. Choice at...

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## TWO MORE AMERICANS IN SYMPHONY CONCERTS

Boy Violinist and Soprano Soloists to Be Among Those on Programs.

Two more American-born artists will be added to the list of soloists of the Symphony Orchestra concerts this week. Sascha Jacobson, American boy violinist, will come for the Friday afternoon and Saturday night symphony concerts, and Mrs. Eleanor Hazzard Peacock, soprano, will be today's "Pop" concert soloist.

The program for the Friday and Saturday concerts is:

Wolf-Ferrari—Overture to The Secret of Suzanne.  
Bethoven—Symphony No. 8 in F Major, Opus 8.

1. Allegro vivace e con brio.  
2. Allegretto Scherzando.  
3. Tempo di minuetto.  
4. Allegro vivace.

Whitmore—Symphonic Fantasia, Range.  
(First time.)

Brahms—Concerto for Violin in D, Op. 77.  
Two typically modern compositions, both first-time numbers, will be the principal features of the orchestral program this afternoon.

Overture—The Merry Wives of Windsor—Richard Strauss.  
Cesario—Fantasy, on a Cossack Dance—Dargomizsky.

(First time.)  
Aria—Deh vieni non tardar, from Marriage of Figaro—Mozart.

Egyptian Sketches—Debussy.  
(First time.)

Songs with piano:  
(a) By the Waters of Minnesota—Laurance.  
(b) Efteslides—Hugo Wolf.  
(c) The Sea—MacDowell.

(d) Birthday—Woodman.  
Selection from Madame Butterfly—Puccini.  
Waltz, "Madame Butterfly"—Koppak.

HO, HUM! NOT MUCH NEW  
IN THEATERS THIS WEEK

"Twin Beds" Here; Also That Startling Novelty, "The Katzenjammer Kids."

"Twin Beds" will be played at the Jefferson Theater this week. The thrill of novelty caused by this announcement is equalled only by the sensation caused by the startling news that "The Katzenjammer Kids" will be at the American, that Eddie Leonard will present a minstrel act at the Orpheum and that the Schubert-Garrick will have nothing at all.

Next week "Her Soldier Boy," a musical play with a war theme, will be at the Jefferson, and Theda Bara as Cleopatra will display herself on a movie screen at the Garrick, clad in expensive but meager fashion, for the adoration of Mark Antony and the frowns of our Mr. Schneiderhahn.

Beside the Leonard headline act, the Orpheum tomorrow will have Leona La Mar, Franklin Ardell and company and the Olga Mischka trio at the Grand tomorrow "Paradise Valley," a musical version of the Bol Smith Russell play, "Peaceful Valley," will be featured. At the Columbia "Filtration," a college life comedietta, will compete for attention with an equestrian seal act.

Billy Watson's Oriental Burlesquers will be at the Standard, the Million Dollar Dolls at the Gayety and the Imperial announces "minstrelsy and school days" as the chief ingredients of its show.

PICTURE SHOWS TO BE GIVEN  
FOR SOLDIERS' COMFORT FUND

Benefit Attractions Will Take Place at Three Theaters Thursday Afternoon and Night.

Thursday will be moving picture benefit day for the Soldiers' Comfort Fund at three large St. Louis picture houses, the New Grand Central, Grand and Lucas avenues; the Delmar, Delmar boulevard and Aubert avenue, and the Liberty, on Olive street near Taylor avenue. All the receipts will be given to this fund, which is to provide comforts for American soldiers before their departure for France. The general price of admission will be 25 cents, with no war tax. Tickets will be on sale at downtown department stores.

For these performances the film exchanges will provide free films in which the leading stars appear. These include Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford, Charlie Chaplin, Dustin Farnum, Francis Bushman, Anita Stewart, Alice Joyce, Clara Kimball Young and Norma Talmadge. Music will be by members of the Jefferson Barracks Band, so that no expense will attach to the performance.

A parade of the band and soldiers will take place early in the afternoon. The soldiers will act as ushers, ticket takers and doormen.

MISS GRACE KERNS TO SING  
AT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Soprano Will Solo at Production of "The Messiah" at Odeon, Dec. 27.

Miss Grace Kerns, soprano, will be soloist at the Christmas festival performance of "The Messiah," Dec. 27, at the Odeon, by the Pageant Choral Society. Miss Kerns is soprano at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York. Other soloists will be Merle Alcock, contralto; Lambert Murphy, Metropolitan Opera, tenor; and Charles E. Gallagher, bass.

Extra rehearsals for the oratorio are in progress and the performance will be given with more than usual elaboration on account of being part of the city's Christmas program.

The full chorus of 200 voices will sing, accompanied by the Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Conductor Fischer.

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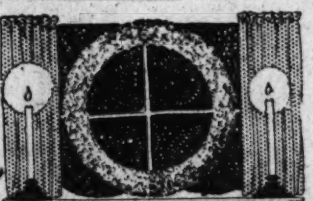
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OF Japanese hardwood. Sets include large tray, cigar jar, match holder and ash tray—two different styles. Special for Monday only.

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## Christmas Decorations

EVERYTHING you will need for giving the house the true Christmas spirit, in the way of decorations. Wreaths, Poinsettias, Festooning Bells and scores of other colorful articles, at popular prices.

**SPECIAL**—Wreaths for decorating, of Japanese frieze roping, in red or green, 12-inch size, 39c.

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A Noteworthy Before Christmas Sale

THE good fortunes of trade which came our way and enabled us to purchase this handsome Neckwear at a substantial discount, also benefits holiday shoppers who have Neckwear gifts to choose.

The finest Scarfs are offered in this lot, and the Neckwear must not be judged by the prices quoted, but rather by the articles themselves.

Lot 1—at  
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Extra wide flowing ends, of satin brocade, in many beautiful all-over designs—wide variety for selection.

Lot 3—at  
3 for \$2.75 **95c**

Extra-heavy silks, including satin brocades from Como, Italy, heavy basket weaves, matelasse and reps, in floral and Persian effects, wide open ends.

Lot 4—at  
3 for \$4.15 **\$1.45**

Handsome handmade Scarfs, of luxurious imported and domestic silks, in exclusive designs and colorings. Scarfs at 65c and up will be boxed individually upon request. 35c Ties will be boxed in sets of three.

(Men's Store—Main Floor.)

## Suggestions in Traveling Goods

A FEW of the many gift-buying opportunities in Bags, Trunks and Suit Cases, that will be found in the Traveling Goods Store.

### Suit Cases at \$7.50

Made over steel frame, linen lined, with fold in lid and heavy sole leather corners and straps.

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Made over steel frame, 24 and 26 inch sizes.

### Walrus Suit Cases at \$12.00

Sewed corners, with heavy straps all around, fancy lining and fold in lid.

### Ladies' Bags at \$12.00

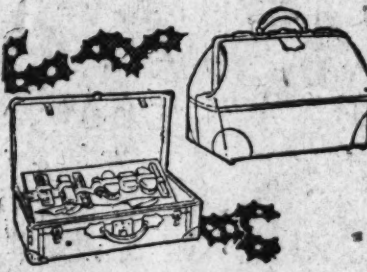
Walrushide, 16 and 18 inch sizes, silk lined, brass lock and bolts.

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Natural walrushide, leather lined, sewed in frame, 18-inch size.

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## China, Lamps, Cut Glass, Housewares

THE Fifth Floor Housewares Section is a great storehouse of suggestions in practical, useful gifts for the home. Many special buying chances are offered.

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Serving Trays, oak finish, glass bottom, nickel-plated handles and raised design, rubber-tipped, \$1.95.

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(Fifth Floor.)



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(Fourth Floor.)



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(Main Floor.)

### Women's Handkerchiefs

FINE quality lawn, with embroidered initials—6 in gift box; special until 11 o'clock, (Downstairs Store), 39c.

### Women's Silk Stockings

NOVELTY stripes, also plain with clockings; special, until 11 o'clock, pair, (Main Floor), 79c.

### Linen Handkerchiefs

WOMEN'S, with initials embroidered, white or colored effects finished with 4-inch hemstitched hems; special until 11 o'clock, each, 12 1/2c.

(Square 15—Main Floor.)

### Women's Silk Gloves

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(Main Floor.)

### Ice Skates

SMALL boys' and girls' Double Runner Ice Skates, with web straps; special until 11 o'clock, 39c.

(Second Floor Annex.)

### Glove Silk Vests

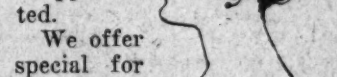
BEAUTIFUL Pink Glove Silk Vests, in a big variety of patterns, special until 11 o'clock, (Main Floor), \$1.59.

### Hair Goods

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WOMEN'S Union Suits, of bleached cotton. High neck, long sleeves, ankle length, fleeced, 69c.

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- Two 36-in. centers on tan needle-weave, colored solid embroidery, each, **\$7.50**
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- Two Pillows on tan, colored embroidery, **\$2.50 and \$3.50**
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The Ground Floor Art Needlework Store

## American Flyer Tells of Duelling at 10,000 Feet

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mistake and this happens quite frequently.

Once a member of a famous French escadrille fought a duel at 15,000 feet with a member of the Royal Flying Corps. They did not discover their mistake till the battle had become a draw, and they had parted without injury to either. Later both were reprimanded by their officers, and there were mutual apologies. The use of the allied coarde by the Hun increases the danger of such mistakes, as well as making it harder for an allied pilot to know when there is a foe before him.

When an enemy plane has been sighted, maneuvering for the attack begins at once. One may take advantage of every bit of natural cover, in an effort to catch the Hun unawares. If the day is clear, for instance, the pilot should try to get between his enemy and the sun, which will blind the Boche and the attacker caught within a few feet before discovered. It is almost impossible to see a machine that is falling from above with the sun behind it. The use of clouds for both attack and escape is, of course, very frequent. This can be done best when the clouds are large, fleecy white ones, scattered about the sky. One may fly above them, catching occasional glimpses of the earth to avoid being lost, and one has a gallery set for a whole show of all the planes in the air beneath him, without being himself exposed.

As a protection against attacks from above most planes of both sides now are camouflaged on the upper side of the wings. The difficulty of a successful disguise of a plane that will work under all conditions is great, since the background changes so frequently. Still, the camouflage may be designed for the kind of background that is most frequent, and it helps just that much. Attempts are also made to disguise the under sides of the wings—of course with a very different color scheme, pale blue, pea greens, aluminum, like the silver sky—both to make a poorer target for anti-aircraft guns and to enable one to drop down on an enemy from above without being spotted.

Best Way to Attack Foe.

The modes of attack, as has been stated, differ according to the type of enemy machines. If by good luck you catch a boche isolated and the plane is a single-seater, the favorite mode of attack is to dive down from behind, and chandai upward slightly under and behind him—"getting under his tail," we call it. Here you can pump lead into him at will, as he carries but one gun—mounted forward. He must turn his plane to fire back at you. Another mode of attack, used when you meet instead of overtaking the enemy, is to dive head on, then to a reversal, bringing you up and behind the enemy, protected by his stabilizers, where you again have the advantage.

The best position for this form of attack is known in French as "de trois quarts en avant" (from three-quarters in advance). Diving from that position, the Hun pilot cannot fire at you without shooting through his own wings if he is in a biplane—in fact, these may hide you from him entirely, and the reversal places you exactly under his tail.

The combat, of course, does not often work out in this simple way. The enemy pilot dodges to prevent your getting under his tail, and the duel then becomes a series of acrobatic maneuvers, each many trying to get one the position of advantage. Each man tries to get on the nerves of his adversary by keeping him under fire as constantly as possible, and at the same time protects himself by virages, slips and loops, to keep out of the other's line of fire. The combat does not last long—a few seconds usually—when one man loses his nerve and becomes demoralized and tries to escape.

Never Dive, When Surprised. If one is surprised in the air by an enemy he should never dive, always climb. If the attacker follows, you should spiral upward, keeping him always inside the circle, in sight, and waiting for an opportunity to dive at and under him. If, however, the pilot sees the enemy diving at him, it is thought good piloting to keep as nearly directly below him as possible and go through the same maneuvers that he does, only at a lower altitude. If he dives, you dive; if he virages, you follow; if he climbs, you go up after him. While you do this he cannot bring a gun to bear on you, and there is always a chance that he will make a slip and let you get under his tail. If this does not happen he will soon give up and leave you.

Piloting Extremely Difficult. The two-seater (biplane) machine is a more dangerous adversary, in that it is better protected by gun-fire, though it has not the agility of the smaller machines. The biplane is strongly guarded at the rear, having a machine gun mounted there on a swivel, to be fired by the observer, as well as the usual fixed gun in front, fired by the pilot. This greatly reduces the "dead areas of fire" and makes it possible to come at the machine only from directly above, or behind and below. The new Gothas have further decreased this "dead fire area" by mounting a third gun on the floor of the nacelle, which is fired through a tunnel in the fuselage, so that the position "under the tail" becomes deadly danger, instead of an advantage.

To drive an airplane is nothing at all—like kinds of men and some women make good aviators—but to pilot it as one must in an aerial combat is extremely difficult. A pilot must be able to do with his machine all that he wishes. He must make it respond to his very emotions; it must be a part of him, as the horse becomes part of an experienced rider. In fact, to enter the Royal Flying Corps of Great Britain a knowledge

of horsemanship is required, and the sympathy of action between horse and man must be duplicated between aviator and pilot. He must be able to do the most complicated, acrobatic

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tack or escape, principles that are right today may be wrong tomorrow. It is possible the Boche has learned an answer to them. Also the pilot must consider all the different types of machines with which he may come into conflict. There are many of these—every once in a while the enemy will produce a new one, as recently, with the Gothas—and each machine must be met and attacked in a different manner. There are differing types used along different sectors of the front, and a pilot transferred to a new territory will have trouble for days before he gets acquainted.

Thus the science of air combat is always an almost exact thing. Few movements have not been tried; few have been found for which no answer is possible. Each maneuver, to the skilled pilot, calls for a definite response; each position in relation to his enemy indicates what his next move—and the Boche's—should be. In fact, the science has become in many ways like that of fencing, where the opponents each count on the other doing the expected thing, and attempts to win by catching the other off guard, or fighting with a little more dash and power than his enemy.

Over-Confidence Fatal to Guynemer. It is possible that his confidence in this code was the cause of Guynemer's death. He particularly enjoyed outlying and outmaneuvering his enemies, and then, when their nerve was frayed, administering the death stroke. The Hun pilot was brought down by a novice, as is shown by the fact that he was himself killed with a few days, and by his boasting letter to his mother that "now she need have no fear for him, since he had conquered the greatest of all airmen." But novices do the unexpected, and it is possible that this youngster, instead of replying to one of Guynemer's maneuvers, by "executing a position of advantage," as the French are expected, became excited and did "the wrong thing" according to the book, but one which caught Guynemer off his guard.

Let us now start with a French patrol on the day's work. These chase patrols always work in groups of six or more, except the aces, who are sometimes allowed to fly in pairs. To fly alone is suicide, and there must be several planes to approach any degree of safety. Even Guynemer would never have thought of flying alone during the later months of his life; it was different in the early days. Guynemer's escadrille, N-3, was composed of some of the best pilots of France and teamwork was their special strength.

The fighting planes leave their aerodromes at one or two minute intervals, and each pilot as he leaves the ground reaches out and "arms" his machine gun by swinging the lever that projects from the right of his windshield and pushing under the hammer of his Vickers gun the first cartridge in his belt. The guns are never loaded when on the ground, as a far might get them going, and the first duty of a pilot in going up is to arm his machine just as his last duty before alighting is to disarm it. Each pilot has a single belt of cartridges (200 rounds) coiled in a little box at the right and under his gun. That is his "trip's" supply; if he exhausts it he must return to the hangar, if he can.

After leaving the hangars the planes proceed to some agreed rendezvous in the air, above some landmark. There they whip into formation. The chief of the patrol, after the group is formed, slowly balances—that is, seesaws his machine as a signal for departure—and off they are on their patrol of the lines. Each pilot in the group must watch and follow every movement of his chief. Recently avions have been equipped with a radio receiving outfit, and are notified while in flight of any concentration of enemy planes in nearby sectors. They then start immediately for the scene and give battle.

How Enemy Plane Is Attacked. Sometimes it happens that some man in the second or third position in the group will be the first to see an enemy plane. In that case he immediately leaves his position, flies up beside the chief and balances his machine. If, then, for the time, becomes the chief of the group. He leads the attack, the others following and supporting him. When the combat is finished he returns to his former position, and the group resumes its patrol under the original chief. If a patrol meets two groups of enemy planes at once, it divides automatically, the left wing forming one group, the right another, and each goes to meet one of the boche groups. When either terminates its combat it rejoins the other, and when the second combat is over the patrol reforms and returns to its beat.

On the return of a group to its aerodrome, the chief of the patrol descends first, the others circling around to take their turns at landing, which they do in the same order as they took their departure, at about two-minute intervals.

In flying over the lines one never holds to a straight course. This is not wholly due to the enemy's anti-aircraft guns, though it is a safeguard against them. It is also to give the pilot a chance to see in all directions so that he may not be surprised by an enemy plane. Remember, a pilot has six directions from which an attack may come—north, south, east and west, above and below. He must have a keen eye to be ever watchful in all those directions, lest death swoop upon him unaware. He must make sharp angles, banks and turns. He never looks over the edge of his nacelle, but always turns the plane on its side. Above all, he must never be overtaken by an enemy plane—he must overtake it. It is always every pilot's duty when in the air to overtake every plane that he sees, and make sure of its identity.

Biplanes Go Out With Escorts. The biplanes usually go out with escorts, and in attacking them (they are usually of great value, since they carry observers, often with cameras) the first thing to be done is to separate them from the convoys. It is suicide to attack a group, as the at-

tacker would come under the cross-fire of all their combined machine guns and would not have many seconds to live. There is always almost complete safety in groups, and it is because of this that pilots are forbidden to fly singly over the lines. Remember, the Government's investment in a pilot exceeds five figures. The departure at the termination of a combat—when you have decided

that the chances are against you or give up hope of being able to outmaneuver your enemy—as most del-

cate. Often it is at this moment that the observer of a biplane will (Continued on Next Page.)



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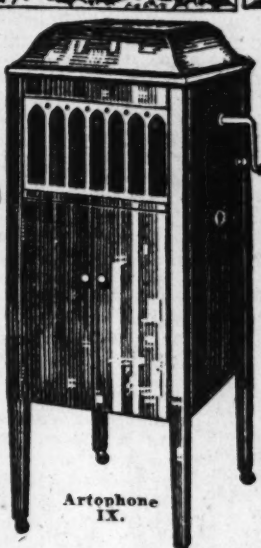
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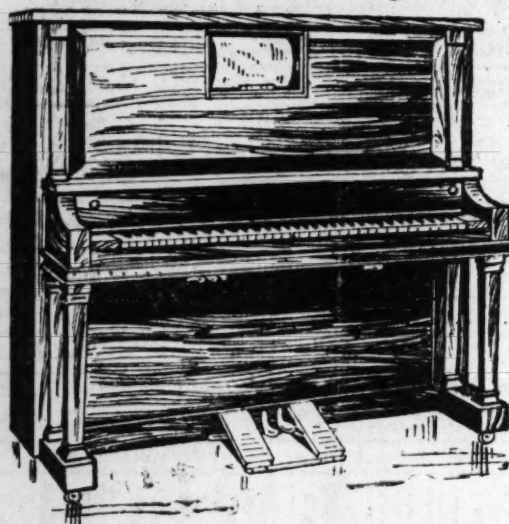




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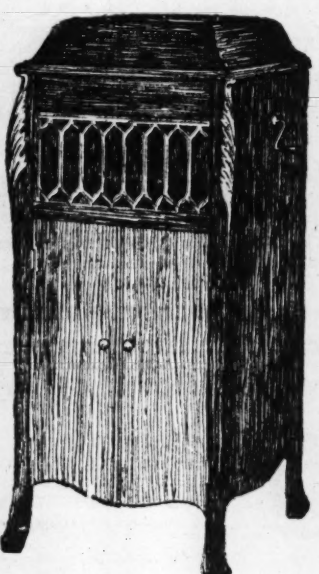
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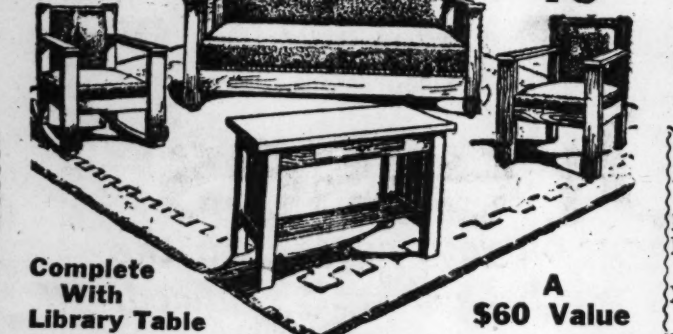
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start his deadly fire against you. It is now that the acrobatics are most essential, as by falling into nose spins, wing slides and the "falling leaf" drop you not only get away quickly but disconcert your enemy's aim.

The nose spin, or velle, has long been considered the best method of breaking off, and it is almost absolutely safe with an ordinary opponent. But should the Hun be an expert he will take advantage of the "dead points" in the spins—the moments when the plane's wing area is opposite him at the start and finish of a spin—to open fire. The wing slide is another excellent method of escape—it is used exclusively by Lieut. Duane and de la Tour, two of France's greatest pilots.

Laying Air Tray Willy Business. The laying of traps and ambushes for the enemy planes has become a recognized feature of air warfare. The object, of course, is always to bring a sudden overwhelming force against one or two men, shut off their escape and bring them down without putting your own pilots into any serious danger. The plan most used was first tried out by Escadrille N-3—that famous organization of Guyennere was the star. A patrol from it would go out, flying very high up, leaving an experienced man for a decoy 5000 or 6000 feet beneath them. They would keep out of sight as well as possible, while the decoy would lead along, letting himself be "surprised" by a Hun. He would let him come within 200 or 300 feet of him, open fire, and then, before he got into any serious danger, go into a velle or wing spin and escape. By the time this happened the other members of his squadron would be on top of the Boche.

The trick works both ways. It was in this manner that James Norman Hall of the Lafayette Squadron, and the author of "Kitchener's Mob" was so severely wounded recently. His experience is almost incredible. The Lafayette was going on its daily patrol and Hall was delayed several minutes by motor trouble in taking the air. This remedied, he hurried to the rendezvous, but found that his comrades had already given him up and departed. He took the great risk of setting out to find them.

How Norman Hall Was Hit. Five or six miles the other side of the Hun lines he saw six or seven planes that looked at their 16,000-foot elevation like those of his patrol. He started toward them, and when almost beneath them saw just a plain Boche plane. Still believing that the men above were his friends he attacked the Boche. As he went into a virage to attack he saw that the higher planes were all diving toward him, and that they were German! Instead of turning tail, Jimmy dove straight at the Boche beneath, opening fire with his machine gun in the hope of getting the Boche before he was brought down by the others. He got it from every side. One ball passed through his left lung, another turned his forehead, a third pierced his thigh. He went into a virage at full motor, a terrific maneuver—his only chance. He lost consciousness and did not regain it until he had fallen to 6000 feet, a 10,000 fall. Then he came to just for a second, but he remembers distinctly bringing his plane back into control, shutting off the motor and heading for the French lines. He knew nothing more till he was on a stretcher, being carried to a dressing station.

Most Amazing Fall of the War. A French officer who was in command of troops in the front line and witnessed the entire combat completes the story. In a letter he wrote Hall he says that after he came out of his virile he saw him glide across the German lines into French territory, make a virage and redress his plane for the landing. Remember that all this time Hall was unconscious. This surely goes far to prove the theory that an aviator's piloting is subconscious.

Nothing more amazing than Hall's landing has happened during the war. His machine came down directly over a French trench, the two wheels on its landing chassis set themselves down into the trench, and the plane was held firmly, not across the trench, but with the fuselage pointing straight up, the wings lying out on either side along the trench. The machine settled, the wings bent and collapsed, and Hall, still strapped to his seat, was let down easily into the trench. He received additional injury from the landing.

It was afterward learned that the group that had attacked Hall was Baron von Richthoven's famous "flying circus," among the most dangerous of the Boche squadrons, but now being broken up.

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BARONESS HELD AS AN ALIEN. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Baroness W. Sutton Zollner, under arrest here as being a dangerous alien enemy, is being held without bond by the United States Marshal pending investigation. She claims she is an American and that there is nothing in the charges against her. She says she has been married three times, her second husband being Baron Court Loeffelholz von Courberg, a Captain in the Imperial Army, from whom she was divorced.

China Buys Army Drydocks. AMOY, China, Dec. 15.—The Army Drydocks have been purchased by the Chinese Government. Negotiations had been pending for the sale of the property to the Japanese.

20 Years for Desertion. CAMP MEADE, Md., Dec. 15.—A sentence of 20 years' imprisonment at hard labor was today imposed upon Private Lawrence W. Trefenbach of the 154th Depot Brigade, charged with desertion. Trefenbach was absent from Oct. 1 to 27, when he was arrested at Staunton, Va.

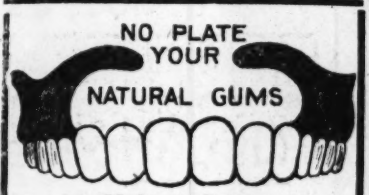
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rine to discern, with her white top-sails soaring, a hundred feet above the deck. Twilight was near, in the second dog watch, and the hush were losing on deck, the skipper a trifle nervous, the cook unperturbed as most sea cooks are in time of stress. The crew of Navy gunners had their own lookout at the mast-head. Their chief, with an Irishman whose name was not Kelly, Burke or Shea, but the next thing to it.

One U-Boat Soon Got Enough.  
His official report of what happened is lacking in color. To hear him tell it is far more diverting. "We sighted a submarine approaching at high speed," he wrote. "At 6:55 p. m. the submarine opened fire at about 4500 yards, closing rapidly to what I estimated to be from 3000 to 3500 yards. The submarine fired five shots before getting our range. The sixth shot exploded at about fifty feet of our starboard beam, fragments of the shell going through our foretopmast, foremast and jib. The seventh shell exploded about 100 feet of our starboard quarter."

"We then engaged, having held our fire until the enemy came to its closest range. She was then moving parallel to us. Our first shot ranged 3000 yards, deflection 45 falling short and to the right. I brought the range up to 3200 yards, then to 3500 yards, deflection 46 to 43. The shots then fell close aboard the submarine, which immediately dove. I believe that the last shot fired took effect, but the enemy was evading fire by diving rapidly. The action was over at 7:15."

"The enemy failed to return to the surface, although we were in that vicinity until the following morning at 3:45 o'clock, with the gun crews standing by the guns."

This was an engagement unique in present-day warfare, an armed schooner under full sail beating off a submarine attack and actually driving the infernal craft away. The chief gunner honestly believes that he hit and disabled her and will swear to it on a stack of Bibles as high as the mainmast. The submarine's behavior certainly suggests that she was dazed and groggy after that last shot at 3500 yards, which was extremely close range for this style of fighting. The U-boat was of a large type, perhaps 30 feet long, and the length of her deck was exposed while she worked her buns. Trained bluejackets could ask no better target.

Campana's Extraordinary Duel.  
The Campana affair was an extraordinary sea duel, one of the most notable of its kind in the three years of submarine warfare. It is none the less to the credit of the armed guard that they had to give up the ship because their ammunition was expended. David Porter in the Essex frigate surrendered to the Phoebe and the Cherub at Valparaiso, but he fought one of the most heroic actions in the War of 1812, and the navy honors his memory as enrolled among its illustrious figures.

The Secretary of the Navy sent the following cable message to the commander of the ship's naval guard:

"Well done, DANIELS." The American Consul of the port, in forwarding this commendation, added his own congratulations "for the excellent work done by you and the men under your command in the battle against the enemy in which you were successful."

The names of the Campana's gun crews were printed so many times that the most rigorous censor should not object to using them here. Chief Gunner Delaney made the prize, and the official report was written by one of his men. It has not been made public until now and, for the most part, reads as follows:

"The submarine attacked at 5:30 a. m. with a smooth sea, light breeze, and day just breaking. The lookouts were four men forward, one aft, one on the bridge, besides the chief gunner's mate and the ship's officers. There was no sight of the submarine and the first warning was three rapid shots from one point on the starboard quarter which missed. The submarine was then seen to be on the surface in the dazzling path of the rising sun and 8000 yards distant."

"Our stern gun opened fire and from then on for four hours and ten minutes shots were exchanged, the range varying but little. During the first hour the submarine's shells all fell about 100 yards over the ship. She then closed to about 7300 yards, and it was believed that at this time four of our shots hit as she immediately dropped back to the former position. Only four hits in about 400 shots were made by the submarine."

"The ship's crew passed ammunition and at no time was there any excitement or confusion. My crew was kept at the forward gun ready to go into action and keeping a sharp lookout for other enemies. After two hours the chief gunner's mate sent for my pointers to relieve the men at the after gun whose eyes were badly swollen and whose ears were running blood. The rest of the after gun crew did not wish to be relieved. After these pointers had fired for about one hour their eyes also became swollen and they were relieved by myself as pointer and by seamen, as trainer."

Two Hours Get Range.  
"It was two hours before the submarine got the range and her shots fell close to our stern. Four hits were made, one in No. 1 hold, one in No. 4 hold, one amidships on the starboard side, and one through the engineer's storeroom, which caught fire. The blaze was extinguished by the ship's crew."

"After another hour and 10 minutes of firing, the submarine's shots were falling close to the after gun. Inasmuch as no shell were left on board, it was decided by the captain to abandon the ship in order to avoid useless loss of life. The steamer then hoisted international signal, 'Abandon ship,' and turned broadside to the submarine, which fired 30 minutes longer. All hands then abandoned ship, after which the submarine closed to 500 yards, still firing into the steamer."

"The armed guard was the last to leave the ship. The four boats pulled about a mile away and lay to. The submarine ran up to them at full speed and nearly rammed the boats,

but stopped and beckoned them alongside. A 5-inch gun forward was trained on the boat containing the armed guard, and eight of the submarine crew, armed with revolvers, covered the other boats. The submarine commander stood on the

conning tower and a Lieutenant on deck.  
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"Lieutenant of the gunners." No one replied, Capt. Oliver telling him there was none in charge.

Examined by U-Boat Commander. "The commander then said, 'All the gunners, hands up,' which was obeyed, as the men with revolvers covered us. He then turned to the other three boats and asked if there were any Englishmen there. He was told that there were none, and he then ordered three of the boats to pull for the land. After this he counted the men in the armed guard's boat and said for all to come aboard the submarine except four."

"Nine of the guard and the third officer of the ship went on board, leaving four of the guard and the second officer in the boat. The commander then questioned us as follows, while we stood on the deck of the submarine:

"Who fires the gun?"  
"Who points the gun?"  
"Who finds the range?"  
"Who gives the order to fire?"

"To each question we answered, 'Oh, anybody.' We just load and shoot any old way." After talking in German with his lieutenant, the commander ordered his seamen into our boat and were towed toward the ship, leaving us aboard the submarine. They were rowed alongside by the four gunners who had stayed in the boat and climbed aboard the steamer. They remained there for half an hour, searching for documents and instruments.

"They filled the boat with copper and brass fittings and provisions, mostly canned goods, and with bedding. We were asked if we had any soap, as this was the thing they needed most. On being told there was plenty of soap on board, they made another trip for it."

"They were anxious to take our after gun, and rigged a boom and tackle to unship it, but were unable to do so. We had removed the breech plugs and sights from both guns. Bombs or mines were then placed in the forward hold of the ship and exploded at noon, five minutes after the boat pulled away."

"The submarine commander told us that he had orders to keep the captain of the ship and all the American gunners as prisoners, but as he had insufficient room and supplies, he would take only the captain and five gunners. He called for volunteers, C. L. Kline, gunner's mate, third class, and R. Rood, boat-surgeon's mate, second class, answering. He then picked out Chief Gunner Delaney and Jacobs and Miller, seamen, and sent them all down the forward hatch."

"The commander praised us for our good gunnery and for fighting against such odds, also complimenting the gunners on their personal appearance. He said he had been hit four times, but would allow no one to go about the conning tower, where the shots had struck. We were then told that a message had been picked up from another merchant ship, which was coming to our assistance, but we were advised not to go near her, as the submarine intended to sink her. He ordered us into our boat, and after rowing for an hour we joined the three other boats and made sail for land, being sighted and picked up by a friendly gunboat."

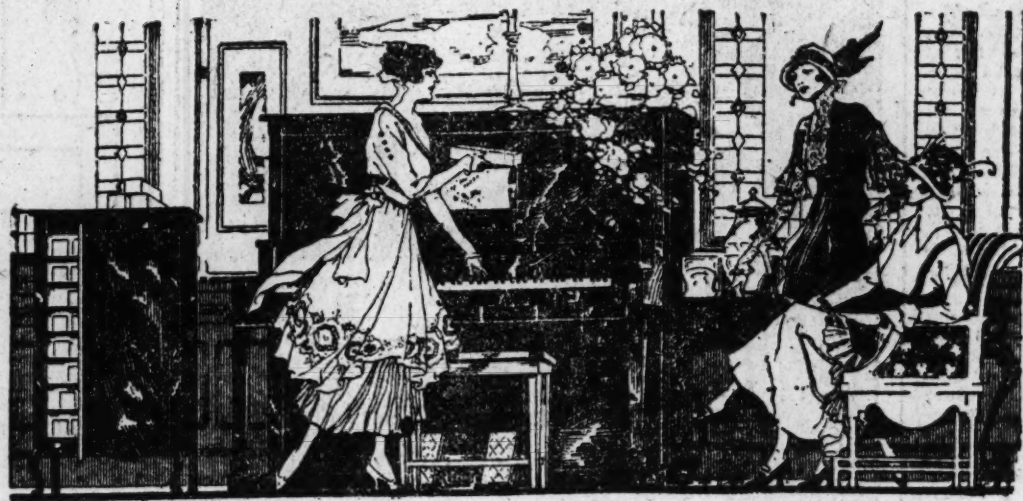
So much for the bare narrative of the Campana. In conversation the gunners who returned to their own country were able to add many details more informal. They could see no reason for fighting four hours without breakfast, it seems, so they took turns at the coffee and ham and kept the after gun going. In this Dewey had set them an excellent example in Manila Bay. The steamer swung her stern toward the submarine to present the smallest target possible, and maintained this position, which was why the forward gun had to stay out of action. The submarine dared range no nearer than four sea miles because of the accurate fire from the steamer. Even at this long distance to score no more than four hits in 400 shots against the huge bulk of an oil tanker was no fancy gunnery on the part of the German crew. In a word, they were outwitted and would have been compelled to quit the engagement if it could have lasted a little longer.

Considerate U-Boat Commander. The conduct of this submarine commander was uncommonly like that of a blue-water sailor whose many instincts had not been blotted out by the despicable business in which he was employed. The American gunners shrewdly concluded that he had been an officer of a Hamburg-American or North German Lloyd steamer before the war. He was particularly anxious to know what had been done with the interned liners Vaterland and Kaiser Wilhelm II, and he spoke what one of our navy lads called "New York English." Another question concerned the treatment of the German merchant crews held as prisoners in the United States. When the boat

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**LEDE GAS LIGHT COMPANY  
BUILD \$400,000 STOREHOUSE**

On Forest Park Boulevard, between Vandeventer and Sarah, purchased at Site.

The Laclede Gas Light Co. yesterday announced that it would begin construction of the first of the year's \$400,000 building on Forest park boulevard, between Vandeventer and Sarah, purchased at Site.

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**How Is This on Meats?**

ROAST		STEAKS	
Chuck Roast, lb.	15c	Porterhouse, lb.	20c
Round Roast, lb.	13c	Tri-Tip, lb.	18c
Brisket, lb.	12c	Round, lb.	15c
Ham, lb.	18c	Ham, lb.	15c
Leg of Lamb, lb.	17c	Veal Roast, lb.	18c
Shoulder of Lamb, lb.	15c	Veal Breast, lb.	17c
Leg of Lamb, lb.	15c	Veal Shoulder, lb.	16c
LAMB		VEAL	
Pork Loin or Rib Chops, lb.	25c	Good Salt Spareribs, lb.	15c
Good Dressed Beef, lb.	13c	Good Corned Beef, lb.	12c
Good Fresh Beef Bones, lb.	10c	Good Round Corned Beef, lb.	11c
EXTRA SPECIAL		WHY PAY MORE?	
HERE IS ONE:		Some of the boys write to their	
Morris' Pure Vegetable Shortening, better than lard		mothers and ask for something to	
Per pound, 25c 5-pound bucket, \$1.25		eat, telling them they are not getting	
THIS WEEK'S GREAT SPECIAL		enough. I will say any soldier who	
No. 1 Breakfast Bacon, per pound, Light, 30c; Heavy, 37c		writes such things to his mother is	
Juicy No. 1 Smoked Ham, only, 28c		not only a fastidious but he is not a	
No. 1 California Ham, 24c		man, inasmuch as he makes his	
MORRIS OLEOMARGARINE		mother think he is being ill treated	
Monarch, lb., 30c		and deprived of all necessary food."	
Marigold, nothing better at any price 34c		The truth of the matter, according	
COUNTRY ROLLS, very		to Podolsky, is that the men while	
lard? lb., 25c		in detention camps before assign-	

OUR GREAT GROCERY SPECIALS		COFFEE AND TEA	
LOOK AT THIS ON CANNED GOODS!		Guatemala, very good, 20c	
1 can good Corn, 25c		Santos, 2 lbs. for 35c	
1 can good Beans, 25c		Pinhead, 40c	
1 can good String Beans, 25c		Imperial Green, 45c	
1 can good Lima Beans, 25c		Yankee Oolong, 40c	
1 can good Tomatoes, 25c		MILK	
1 can good Pork and Beans, 25c		Wilson, large, 13c	
1 can good Sweet Home Red Kidney Beans, 25c		Pet. large, 13c	
A 10c SPECIAL		Carnations, large, 13c	
No. 2 can Red Beans, 15c value, 10c		Meadow, large, 12c	
No. 2 can Ham, 10c		Meadow, small, 10c	
Large package National Oats, 10c		Everyday, large, 13c	
1 can good Syrup, 10c		CALIFORNIA FRUIT	
20-glass Pickled Lamb's Tongue, 10c		Large can Peaches, Red Robe Brand, 30c value, 20c	
Mama's Pickle Plums, 10c		Tom Brand, 30c value, 20c	
Campbell's Soup, 10c		Elk Brand, 30c value, 20c	
1 can Mustard, 10c		Large can Lemon Cling Peaches, 14c	
Extra Head Rice, 10c		Flat can Lemon Cling Peaches, 14c	
10c-12c-14c-16c-18c-20c-22c-24c-26c-28c-30c-32c-34c-36c-38c-40c-42c-44c-46c-48c-50c		No. 2 can Yellow Pineapple, 14c	
SYRUP		30c can Pears, large can, 18c	
15-lb. can Boston Brand, 12c		30c can Pears, small can, 18c	
15-lb. can Golden Syrup, 12c		30c can Grapes, very good, 11c	
15-lb. can Fik Brand, 12c		THIS IS GOOD	
15-lb. can Mary Jane Brand, 12c		Heinz's Macaroni, lb., 12c	
15-lb. can Royal Serrano, 11c		Toilet Paper, 1 roll, 10c	
15-lb. can Aunt Eliza Molasses, 11c		Good Scrubbing Brush, 5c	
15-lb. can Gold Seal Syrup, 10c		6 large boxes Matches, 30c	
SOAP AND WASHING POWDER		Tall can good Salmon, 14c	
8 pkts. Rub. No. More Powder, 35c		2 boxes good Matches, 30c	
Single Box Powder, 35c		Tall can Columbia River Salmon, 14c	
6 pkts. Scrubbing Powder, 35c		Flat can Salmon, 14c	
4 bars good Laundry Soap, 15c		Large bottle Blue Label Ketchup, 20c	
4 bars good Toilet Soap, 15c		15c bottle Tabasco Catsup, 15c	
5 cans Cleanser, 15c		15c bottle Heinz's Catsup, 15c	
LOOK AT THIS!		Christmas Candles, per box, 15c	
20c can Sliced Pineapple, Red Rose Brand, 15c		4 pkts. Noodles, 15c	
20c can Sliced Pineapple, Red Rose Brand, 15c		2 lbs. Black Eye Peas, 25c	

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Ladies' Overnight Cases (fitted)	\$7.50 to \$10.00
Travelers' Toilet Cases (fitted)	\$2.75 to \$4.00
Purses and Bags	\$1.25 to \$20.00
Hand Portfolios	\$1.75 to \$10.00
Card Cases	\$1.00 to \$2.75
Leather Work Boxes	75c to \$10.00
Drinking Cups	25c to \$1.50
Fitted Traveling Bags	\$15.00 to \$37.50
Bags (without fittings)	\$5.00 to \$40.00
Manicure Cases	\$3.00 to \$20.00
Wardrobe Trunks	\$17.50 to \$100.00

## And for the Men—

Leather Collar Bags	\$1.75 to \$7.50
Leather Bill Folds	75c to \$10.00
Men's Card and Pouch Cases	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Cigar Cases	50c to \$5.00
Cigarette Cases	75c to \$3.00
Trench Mirrors, in case	65c to \$1.25
Pocket Drinking Cups, in case	65c to \$5.00
Hat Boxes	\$7.50 to \$18.00
Suit Cases	\$4.50 to \$40.00
Bags of many kinds	\$5.00 to \$45.00
Thermos Bottles	\$3.75
Travelers' Medicine Cases	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Trunks, regulation and Wardrobe	\$5.00 to \$45.00

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## FOOD COMPLAINTS ARE FALSE, SAYS SOLDIER

St. Louisan Training at Aviation Camp, Declares Men Have Plenty of Everything.

Herman Podolsky, student aviator in training at Kelly Field, San Antonio, has written his sister, Esther Podolsky, 2119 Carr street, concerning soldiers who complain to parents and newspapers regarding alleged insufficient food, clothing and blankets.

Podolsky has no patience with such "rain bloods." His letter in part follows:

"Some of the boys write to their mothers and ask for something to eat, telling them they are not getting enough. I will say any soldier who writes such things to his mother is not only a fastidious but he is not a man, inasmuch as he makes his mother think he is being ill treated and deprived of all necessary food."

The truth of the matter, according to Podolsky, is that the men while in detention camps before assignment to regular barracks do not get quite as much food as they are allowed later. He thinks it is for their own good.

"We are gradually allowed more to eat," the letter continues, "until we get too much. Then we start to save money from our allowance until we are in a position to eat as good or better than some of these cry-babies did when they were at home."

"Some write home for blankets, saying they don't get enough cover to keep them warm. But again I say it is some of the fellows with thin blood that write that stuff, because anyone knows a mother will hardly believe you when you write the truth and tell her everything is just lovely. It is an outrage to listen to the complaints of such men, because they are not true."

"Others with little principle write to newspapers and say they are lonesome and want girls to write to them, so they may tell them they want a sweater or get something for nothing."

Podolsky says he is enjoying the best of health and likes army camp work.

## SUFFICIENT CLOTHING FOR ALL MEN IN SERVICE AVAILABLE

Quartermaster-General Says Proper Deliveries Will Assure Supplies for Future.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Quartermaster-General Sharpe, in a statement today gives figures on army contracts to show that adequate supplies of clothing for all men in the service now are available and that proper deliveries and uninterrupted transportation will assure supplies for the future. Deliveries have been delayed from 6 to 48 per cent because of delays in material and transportation.

Gen. Sharpe's statement shows that there already have been delivered to the troops virtually 6,000,000 blankets, more than 2,000,000 overcoats, more than 12,000,000 winter undershirts, 4,000,000 pairs of drawers, nearly 3,000,000 pairs of breeches, more than 2,000,000 coats, more than 5,000,000 woven shirts, more than 8,000,000 pairs of shoes and more than 2,000,000 hats.

In the aggregate about half the supplies ordered have been delivered.

TOP THE LIST with a beautiful diamond for HER Christmas present. Confidential credit terms at Loftis Bros. & Co., 308 North Sixth St.—AD-7.

## HOW OUR GUNNERS FOUGHT U-BOATS FROM CARGO SHIPS

Continued from Preceding Page.

was finally shoved away from the submarine, the German sailors on deck stood at attention and punctiliously saluted the cast-away gunners.

One of these bluejackets who escaped capture was a boy of 17, an ace when most mother's sons are still in high school and must be told to wear their rubbers on rainy days and are otherwise fussed over, entirely too young to be trusted with a latch-key. He reminded one of those banished midshipmen of the era of the Constitution frigate who led boarding parties and pranced into the thick of it with cutlass and dirk. A pleasant-mannered, blue-eyed boy, he had crowded an astonishing amount of experience into a few months, from a naval training school to the fleet and then, as the climax, to the deck of a German submarine.

"It was interesting, and some of it was funny," said he while we loafed in the yard of the army guard barracks during one of his brief respites from drills and schooling. He was waiting for the summons to sail with another gun crew. "The Germans must have been mighty short of grub, for they surely cleaned the canned stuff out of our ship before they sunk her. One of 'em came to the rail with a case of condensed milk in his arms to lower into the boat. The poor boob dropped it and it caught another Helme right in the back of the neck. His nose was driven against the gunwale and smashed flat. Solid ivory above the ears, he was, or it would have killed him. That case of milk hit him, blim, just like a plevierder."

"Goop? You say the report mentions their wanting soap? They were crazy for it. I thought they were going to eat it. They picked up all the little pieces in the rooms. There must be something in this story that they're shy of at home."

"What about parting with the five gunners that they carried off to Germany to put in the pen? Well, there was nothing very funny about that. Of course, we didn't know which of us were to be elected and it sort of got you goat to think of being slammed under hatches in that blamed submarine. You couldn't help thinking of what had happened

to some of the Britishers that got caught this way. It was a new game for us Americans. Nobody really hung back when the commander asked for five volunteers, but we were a little slow in making up our minds to go to it. We didn't all speak up at once, I mean.

Volunteers for German Prisons.

"The commander was in a hurry, so he aims a finger at the two petty officers and then beckons the huskiest pair of seamen, and says, 'You go, and I take you.' The rest of us shook hands with them, but there was none of the good-by and God-bless-you stuff. I haven't been long in the service, but I'm wise to the fact that there's no time for heroics in the navy. You do your duty and take it as it comes. Sure, a couple of the fellows had tears in their eyes, but they kept a stiff upper lip all the same. This lad Kline, that was one of the prisoners, had grinned all through the scrap, and the grin was still on his Irish map when he left us, the last man to climb down inside the submarine and begin a free ride to Germany."

"And what do your own fond parents think of your career?" I asked this precocious bluejacket. "You had

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to have their permission to join."

"Well, when I was sent to the fleet they felt sort of easy about me. Dad figured that the battleships would be kept on this side of the ocean, and I was a pretty safe bet. This armed guard detail upset 'em, specially mother, and they went up

in the air when they heard my ship was sunk. But dad feels different now. He's got into the spirit of it all right, and he won't be happy until I help blow the daylight out of a submarine. Take it from me, sir, this is the classiest job in the navy."

(To Be Continued.)

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**A New Idea in Music Rolls for Xmas**

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The CONCORRIZED MUSIC CO. has taken this old, well-known poem and composed special music to accompany the recitation. The words of the poem are printed on the margin of the roll, same as the words on a song roll, but the music, although tuneful, is especially arranged to accompany the recitation. This selection is both amusing and educational and the musical setting makes proper selection easy.

**A Christmas Fantasy**

of All the Popular Xmas Selections

20369—THE COMING OF SANTA CLAUS, \$1.25

Description of children retelling Christmas eve, followed by clock striking 12 and midnight chimes. Then the coming of Santa Claus, the Christmas tree full of cheer; at the breakfast table, arrival of guests, solo by Uncle Bob and departure of guests.

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## House Furnishings For THE HOLIDAY SEASON

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**Bed Outfit**

With steel spring and good mattress.

**A Year to Pay**

HERE'S an exceptional value for you in a high-grade Vernis Martin Bed Outfit—it is beautiful in appearance—and consists of Vernis Martin Bed good mattress, and a steel spring. This outfit cannot be duplicated under \$25—our price is \$17.50

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A BEAUTIFUL Stained Art-Glass Library Lamp, with heavy brass stand—to be used for electricity and made with two sockets—an \$8.00 value—at \$5.85

**Library Table**

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A TABLE of this character will improve the appearance of your home—built of genuine quartered oak in turned or golden finish. It is massive in design and presents a beautiful appearance. A very unusual value to say the least. As a remarkable Christmas special we offer it for this week at the exceptional price of \$11.75.

**Carpet Sweeper**

A \$2.00 Value

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THIS is the ideal Cedar Chest for storing clothing, etc.—it is strongly built and good size—set up from the floor on casters—and attractively trimmed with brass—initially sells for \$11—now offered special at \$11.75

**Table and Chairs**

An Actual \$30 Value



## TWO DRUGGISTS ARRESTED AND STOLEN CIGARS RECOVERED

Third Man Is Alleged to Have Delivered Articles to Stores.

Several thousand cigars stolen from the stores of the St. Louis-Hoelcher Cigar Co., the Meisel & Recker Cigar Co. and the F. R. Rice Mercantile Cigar Co. were recovered yesterday following the arrest Friday night of George Weismann, a druggist at 4070 Kennerly avenue, and Harry Altheide, a druggist at 1028 Cass avenue.

Samuel A. Weismann of 4065A Kennerly avenue also was arrested and is alleged to have delivered the stolen cigars to the druggists.

## COLISEUM RALLY TONIGHT FOR BIG RED CROSS DRIVE

St. Louis and Vicinity Allotted 150,000 Members—Leaders Hope to Make Number 500,000.

Tonight's rally at the Coliseum, with overflow meetings at two adjacent buildings, will be the formal launching of the Christmas membership drive of the Red Cross which has been getting started for a week past, and which will close Christmas Eve.

An enrollment of 15,000,000 members in the United States, 10,000,000 of them new members and 5,000,000 renewals, is the goal of the nationwide membership drive. The allotment for St. Louis and vicinity is 150,000, but the workers in the campaign hope to make the record nearer 500,000. Each new membership card each member is accompanied by the payment of \$1 or more.

The payment of \$1 is the only obligation attached to membership. A rumor has been in circulation that those who sign membership cards will be subject to call for service in Red Cross work. There is no foundation for this report, according to John L. Johnson, chairman of this division of the Red Cross, and he classes it as a pro-German alarmist report.

Churches Omit Night Service. To encourage a large attendance at tonight's meeting, most of the principal churches will omit their evening services. For the expected overflow meetings, two floors of the Overland automobile building and one floor of the Packard Building have been reserved.

The Coliseum gathering will begin at 6:30 p. m. with music by the Jefferson Barracks band, which will play throughout the exercises. The First and Third Regiments of the Missouri Home Guard will attend in uniform and in military formation. The Pageant Choral Society, directed by Frederick Fischer, will sing and the audience will join in some of the numbers. The program will include "The Heavens Are Telling," from Haydn's "Creation," the national airs, the most popular current war songs, and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

European Worker to Speak. Lee Melwether, who spent several months in France and Belgium on a Government mission, will be the principal speaker, and will tell of his observation of Red Cross work. Other speakers will be Archbishop Glennon, the Rev. Dr. Z. B. Phillips and George W. Simmons. The closing prayer will be offered by Rabbi Leon Harrison.

The membership enrollment work, opening tomorrow morning, will be in the hands of the Women's Council of Defense, which has been brought into this work through Mrs. Philip B. Fouke, and Mrs. J. P. Higgins. About 500 booths, in indoor locations in various parts of the city, will give everyone an opportunity to enroll.

Beginning tomorrow, each 10,000 added to the Red Cross enrollment in the St. Louis district will be signalled by the blowing of whistles at various places throughout the city. At night, each 25,000 added will be signalled by the twinkling of lights, through arrangement with the Union Electric Co.

"Base Hospital" Erected. The typical Red Cross base hospital on Twelfth street, in front of the Post-Dispatch Building, will be open tomorrow and every day thereafter until Christmas. It is to contain the equipment of hospitals operated in the war zone. Physicians, nurses and soldiers will aid in demonstration work. There will be also an exhibit of war relics, brought from France by Harry Blackwell and Marion Lambert, who were lately in the ambulance service. These articles include gas masks, bombs, fuses, trench knives and helmets. The collection has been on display at the Racquet Club.

Ten of the 25 members of the St. Louis women's ambulance corps have been assigned to work in connection with the membership campaign. They will be in charge of automobiles, will get people out for enrollment, and will be in uniform.

No Red Cross Carol Singing. Although in other cities the Red Cross is to be the beneficiary of Christmas carol singing, it has been decided that this means of raising funds will not be used in St. Louis. Christmas carol singing this year, as in past years, will be under the auspices of the Children's Aid Society, and the proceeds will be for that society. The Red Cross campaign managers have asked that the public make its gifts to the Children's Aid as liberal as in former years.

An example of the emergency work of the Red Cross was furnished in St. Louis Friday, when there was an unprecedented rush of applicants for enlistment at the Naval Recruiting Office, Seventh and Chestnut streets. About 100 men were in line, and at 10 a. m. a telephone call was sent to Mrs. Frank V. Hammar, chairman of the local Red Cross Committee, and she at once gave instructions that the waiting men should be supplied with lunches and hot coffee. This was done at noon, and was repeated in the evening. On the same day, the Red Cross provided nearly 100 cots for the 1000 army recruits who were quartered at the First Regiment Armory because there was no room for them at Jefferson Barracks.

St. Louis negroes will meet this afternoon in St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, Leffingwell and Lawton avenue, in the interest of the Red Cross, and will be told particularly of its work for negro soldiers.

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**\$1.00 a Week** Military Elgin Wrist Watches—accurate time-keeper—leather strap—just the thing for soldiers and sailors—14-k. value—\$14.50

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**\$1.00 a Week** Beautiful Diamond Ring—3 sparkling blue-white diamonds set in 14-k. screw-on drop earrings—only—\$49

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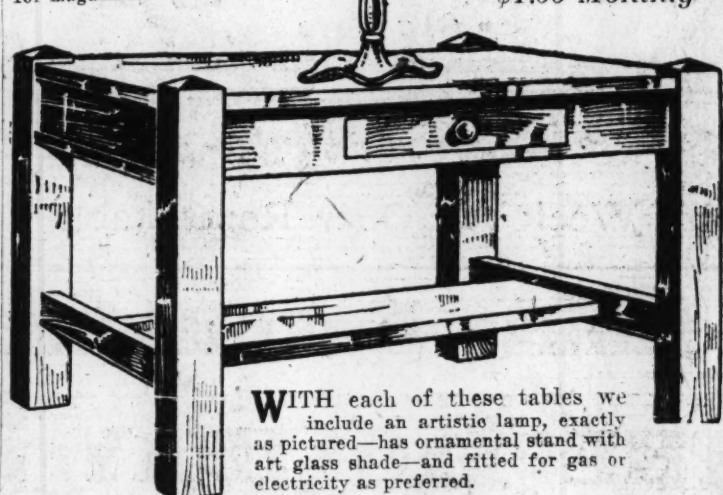
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## 100-Piece Dinner Set

In Floral Decorations—\$1.00 CASH—\$1.00 A MONTH



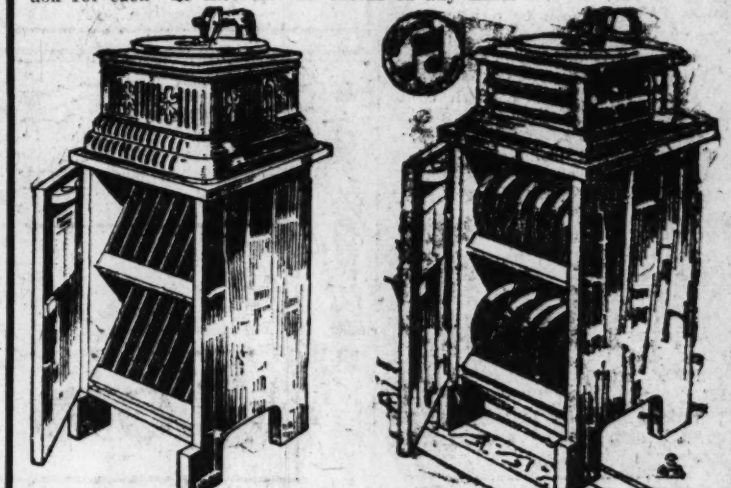
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THIS is a Christmas gift that any housewife would be glad to receive—a handsome 100-piece Dinner Set in an unusually fine quality of pure white ware—a shape that has been copied from a set of real Austrian ware—and richly decorated in floral design. Every one of the 100 pieces is good size and practical—a real \$20.00 value—special for this week at \$14.75—\$1.00 cash—\$1.00 a month.

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50c a Week



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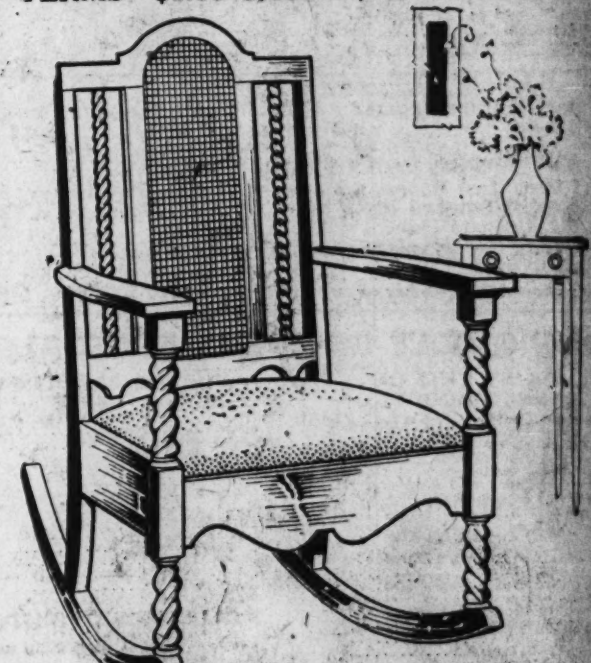
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Cane Back—Upholstered Seat  
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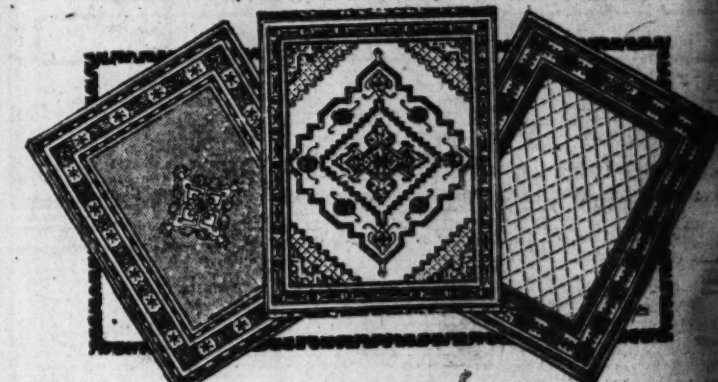


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Old English Chair in same design at the same price.

## Brussels Room Rugs

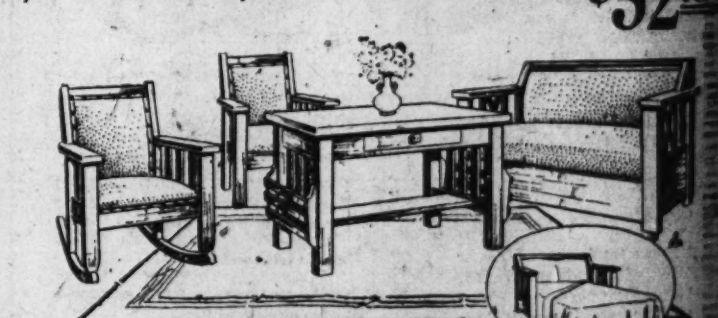
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If you would like to brighten your home for the holidays—the sale of Brussels Rugs will interest you—these rugs are full size—made of an excellent quality of Brussels fabric—good variety of attractive patterns—rugs that under present market conditions are well worth \$20.00—this week for only—**\$16.75**

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It Puts an Extra Bedroom in Your Home  
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THIS is the outfit you want for your best room—it consists of Divan Bed, Arm Rocker, Arm Chair and Library Table, constructed of solid oak in fumed finish and upholstered in imitation Spanish leather. The Divan opens into a full-size bed and comes complete with a set of all-metal springs which makes it unusually restful. Entire outfit, only \$52.50—on terms of \$3.00 cash and \$1.00 a week.

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ST. LOUIS, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 16, 1917.

## Santa to Reign as King at Big Christmas Festival Show

### \$9000 NEEDED QUICKLY TO PROVIDE FOR ALL OF POOR CHILDREN

## SMALL DONATIONS TO FESTIVAL FUND SPECIALLY WANTED

Total in Hand Not Up to Last Year's on Corresponding Date, Due to Late Start, and Unusual Efforts Are Required to Bring in Amount Needed in Time to Be of Use in Saving Santa Claus to Poor Children.

If Santa Claus is to be taken to all of the poor children of the city this year it will be necessary for the Post-Dispatch Christmas

## Some of Thirty Women and Girls Who Are Helping Distribute Christmas Festival Contribution Lists



Mrs. JULIAN TURNER

Miss EVELYN FAHEY, SECRETARY

Mrs. MARGUERITE HOPKINS, CHAIRMAN

Miss JOSEPHINE BAGGOTT



Miss ANNA WALSH

Miss RAY ZORK



Mrs. R. ZORK



Mrs. J. B. BARNETT



Miss EDNA FLITCRAFT



Miss MARCIA PLUMRIDGE



Mrs. H. J. PERRING



Miss MARGIE MILLER

Association to raise at least \$9000 between now and Christmas.

The Festival Committee started its work somewhat later than usual this year, because it did not wish to begin its canvass too soon after Hospital Saturday and Sunday. As a result, its fund does not equal the amount which had come in up to the corresponding date last year, and it will be necessary to work rapidly and use unusual efforts to obtain the sum needed in time to be of use.

The members of the Festival Committee feel sure that if all persons who willingly give a quarter, a dime or a nickel to help save Santa Claus for the poor children in spite of the war, understood such offerings were not too small, but, on the contrary, were especially wanted, more could be afforded, the Festival Fund would be made up easily. No money will be asked for or accepted by the young women on the second visit this week, to places where contribution lists were left last week. Their only task is to "follow up" the lists, and the contributions made through them, cannot conveniently be sent to the Post-Dispatch, a telephone request will bring representative of the newspaper authorized to receive and receipt for the lists, and the money.

Contributions other than through these lists, may be made by direct remittance to the Post-Dispatch, or may be brought to the cashier's window in the business office of the Post-Dispatch, or to Festival headquarters, at 210 North Twelfth street, on the ground floor of the Post-Dispatch building. In the window at headquarters is a display of the lists which will go to the poor children at the Coliseum Christmas day, and of which \$2,000 so far have been turned over. More are needed.

The Executive Committee of the Festival Association decided at a meeting Friday that all dinners in the city for poor families would be delivered this year. Heretofore part have been delivered and part were given out at basket packing headquarters to persons to whom tickets had previously been supplied. The plan is expected to work out very satisfactorily in every way, as any previous one which has been tried. Baskets will be supplied to certain organizations which wish themselves to make the deliveries to the families in which they are interested, and the Festival Association will arrange trucks and send workers to deliver all others.

No more applications for baskets will be received. It was necessary to expedite the taking of names last night, and the taking of the baskets will be completed this week at 9:30 a. m. in the building of the northwestern corner of Twelfth and Locust street, and will be under the direction of Mrs. A. J. Wageman, acting secretary, and Mrs. A. H. Sippy, chairman of the

## DIRECTORS OF ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AND WHO THEY ARE

Edward Devoy, chairman of Executive Committee; business, coal and coke.

Louis Nolte, chairman Provisions Purchasing and Basket Distribution Committee; City Comptroller.

James A. Reardon, chairman of Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Association contribution lists in thousands of offices and places of business downtown, and along some of the main traveled streets away from the center of the city, have been received almost everywhere with uniform courtesy. More often than otherwise they have found an attitude of distinct friendliness toward the great annual hospitality to the city's poor which they represent. In nearly every place visited there has been exhibited an understanding that they are undertaking a large amount of work in a short time, and a disposition to facilitate their task. Instances of deliberate discourtesy have been so few as to be almost negligible.

The experience of the young women have covered a wide range. A few of them were said, a considerable number amusing, and a large number have come under the general heading of highly interesting.

The workers, who are instructed not to try to thrust a contribution list upon anyone, to merely ask courteously for permission to leave it, and to waste no time in argument, probably have violated the rule against stopping for unnecessary conversation most often because of what appeared to be instances of sincere misunderstanding of the purposes and work of the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Association.

Kind Dinner Invitation. Two workers broke the rule to avoid delay when they were invited to inspect the kitchen of a large hotel. They couldn't resist accepting that offer. They also received an invitation to come to the hotel for lunch at any time while engaged upon the Christmas Festival work. They appreciated this expression of good will, but were obliged to decline as a matter of general policy. The Post-Dispatch pays all the expenses of the workers, and they desire no favor except courteous treatment from the persons they call upon.

One of the amusing experiences resulted from a call upon an Italian commission merchant. He did not quite understand the purpose of the contribution list and appeared to be slightly suspicious of it. Suddenly his face was illuminated with a smile. He had an idea. If his caller were not afraid of the thing he wouldn't be.

"You write first," he said, "I follow."

The young woman promptly headed the list with 25 cents and handed him a quarter, as custodian of the list. He as promptly brought out a half dollar.

"Now I double you," he said, putting his name on the list and entering 50 cents opposite it. When his caller left he was enthusiastically calling his employees forward and having them subscribe 50 cents each to "help the poor children."

Negro Gives His Only Nickel. The same young woman was handing a list to the foreman in a motor truck establishment when a huge negro in greasy work clothes came by and caught sight of it.

"I got just five cents," he said, "and I shuah wants to be first on that list. Me and my old woman rot one of them Christmas baskets three years ago when he needed it mighty bad, and Ise certainly going to give all I see got." He was accorded the privilege of heading the list with his five cents. Another worker was greeted by a jeweler with some rather uncomplimentary remarks about the Christmas Festival. Being a tactician, as all of the young women are, she ignored his remarks, fixed her attention upon a handsome painting adorning a wall, and interrupting him after a visit to ask if it were not the work of a certain noted artist. She was right. Within a few minutes the contribution list had been cordially accepted and receipted for.

A man visited by another worker launched somewhat violently into criticism of all existing methods of helping the poor. His caller, something of a sociologist herself, might have been interested at another time, but not just then, and withdrew. It happened she was obliged to wait for a car and the man she had called on came from his office for the same car. On board he continued his remarks, to which she listened with politeness but with careful avoidance of entering into an argument. Suddenly he seemed to

## Experiences of Girl Festival Workers in Distributing Lists

have had his say out and stopped. "Let me have the list, miss, I will take it back to my office," he said. Beer Money Goes to Festival.

On the South Side one of the young women found a number she had a list for to be that of an unprosperous building which turned out to be some sort of a carpenter shop. She entered after hesitation, almost deciding that a mistake had been made. She was met by an Italian boy, apparently about 16 years old.

"We were waiting for you, lady," he said, "we were afraid you weren't going to come."

He explained that there were three or four other boys of about his age working there and that they had been contributors before. They could not afford to give much, he said, but this year they had decided that for one week each of them would go with him to the 6-cent bucket of beer, he was accustomed to have with his daily lunch, and give the money it cost to the Festival Fund. They began their beer abstinence Thursday, and next Wednesday will send in their list accompanied by 35 cents from each.

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"The entertainment is in the form of a pantomime pageant in which Santa Claus is introduced as King in a majestic procession, accompanied by his royal court of heralds, attendants, Brownies, the Spirits of Snow Clouds, of Spring, of Summer, of Autumn, of Winter, of the Northern Lights, and the Queen of the Fairies, whose spirit, 'Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards All Men,' permeates the entire pantomime."

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"A most distinctive feature of the program will be the Brownie drill by boys of the municipal playgrounds, trained by Mr. Louis Kittlaus (Brownies, you know, are the faithful workers of Santa Claus, who make all the toys, etc., for Christmas)."

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even more strongly than it has in previous years. The entertainment will be much more pretentious in the way of costuming and staging than any which has gone before it, and greatly more colorful. A unique touch of the patriotic has been designed to close the entertainment.

Seven hundred children from the municipal playgrounds will take part in the affair. Most of these children are from the poorer quarters of the city and would be guests of the Festival Association if they were not performers. All are to receive the same presents as the poor children who come to the Coliseum as spectators.

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## COLISEUM PROGRAM MORE ELABORATE THAN ANY BEFORE

Entertainment for Poor Children Will Emphasize Idea of Santa Claus as Supreme Ruler at Christmas Time--Little Guests Will Receive the 32,000 Gifts to Be Presented to Them as They Enter Building.

The idea of Santa Claus as King at Christmas time will dominate the elaborate entertainment to be given by the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Association at the Coliseum this year

## Vaudeville Show Will Be Given Friday to Aid Christmas Festival



CELESTINE CUNNINGHAM

Genevieve Fender will present 50 of her pupils in a vaudeville program at the Union Theater, Union and Easton avenues, Friday evening of this week, for the benefit of the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund. Mrs. Fender is well known as an instructor of children, and an evening of keen enjoyment is assured to those who attend her entertainment. The juveniles in her classes readily joined with her to give a Christmas Festival benefit and promised their best efforts to aid some less fortunate little ones whom Santa Claus might not be able to call upon otherwise.

Mrs. Fender is the mother of Harry Fender, formerly of the Park Opera Company.

Contributions to the Christmas Festival Fund are printed elsewhere.



## THRIFT STAMPS SALE IN SCHOOLS STARTS TOMORROW

Teachers Will Explain Methods of Saving and Helping the Government.

### PURCHASES MADE EASY

Installment Plan of Payment Devised—Women's Committees to Aid Campaign.

The sale of "thrift stamps" in all the schools of the city will start tomorrow, when literature of the war savings plan will be distributed at public, parochial and private schools. The teachers will hold classes on thrift and explain fully the plan of saving money through the purchase of stamps, and at the same time aiding the Government in the war.

Each of the 99,000 children in the public schools and all the children in the parochial and private schools will receive a packet containing a copy of Secretary McAdoo's letter to the children, a thrift card and literature to take home to their parents.

Payment in installments. In the schools attended by poorer children it will be possible for the children to pay for the stamps in installments. A child who has not 25 cents, the price of the stamp, will

be permitted to pay any portion of 25 cents and add to it from time to time until the amount of a stamp is paid in. The stamp then will be delivered.

Moses Hartman, president of the Public School Patrons' Alliance, composed of 58 school patrons' associations, has recommended that the associations assist the public schools by underwriting the purchase of thrift stamps.

He suggested the plan at the Hodges School Friday night, when the Hodges School Patrons' Association voted to purchase \$100 worth of stamps for the school. The children may buy the stamps, and the money will be refunded to the association. Mayor Kiel was the first purchaser at Hodges School. He was graduated there at the age of 13, and has been a member of the association since its organization.

Women's Committee to Aid. A Women's Thrift Stamp Executive Committee, to organize the women of St. Louis in a campaign to sell the stamps, was formed Friday. It has opened headquarters on the fourth floor of the Postmen's Bank Building, and consists of Mrs. Theodore Benoit, chairman; Mrs. W. F. Donovan, secretary; Mrs. Dan

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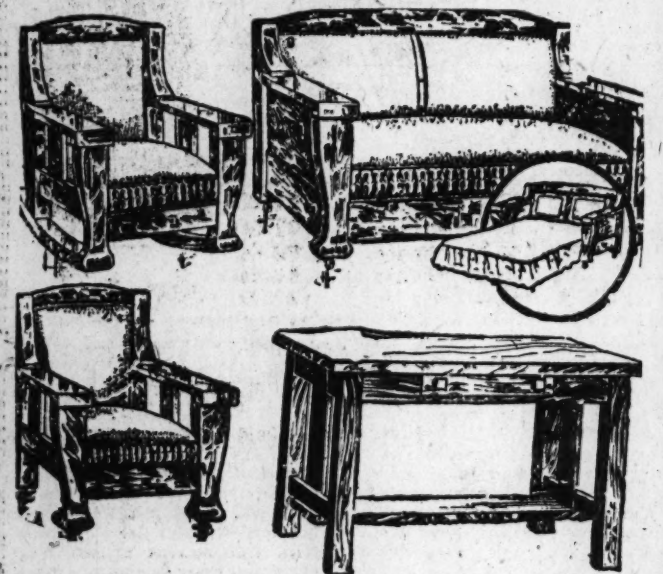
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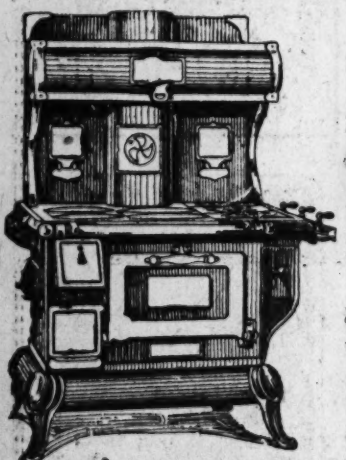
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5c Per Copy

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### SHOP EARLY IN THE DAY

These Specials ON SALE TILL 11 A. M. Only

WOMEN'S SILK HOSE

Regular 50c kind; foot silk, in black, white and champagne... 29c

50c Children's Union Suits

Piece lined; white they last... 25c

11 O'CLOCK SPECIAL MUFFLERS



Store Open Until 6 P. M.

# Nugent's

Central 3900 Olive 3900

\$2.00 Wash Satins

**Xmas Sale**  
**Price \$1.55**

Yard wide, soft, beautiful shimmering Wash Satins, in ivory and white.  
 (Main Floor.)

Christmas Carol Candles Free

Place this candle in your window Christmas eve and the sweet-voiced Carol Singers will come to your door.  
 This candle can also be used to illuminate the Red Cross Window Flag Christmas eve.  
 Ask for these in the Housefurnishing store.  
 (Main Floor.)

\$1.75 Plaid Silks

**Xmas Sale**  
**Price \$1.28**

Yard wide, beautiful Plaid Silks. One of the most wanted silks for dresses and waists; exquisite colorings.  
 (Main Floor.)

Gift Coupon Books

Merchandise and Glove Certificates are unusually fine Xmas Gifts.  
 (Exchange Desk—Main Floor.)

Store Open Until 6 P. M.

# Nugent's

Central 3900 Olive 3900

## Xmas Furs Are Gifts Supreme



Can you think of a gift more blessed to give or to receive than beautiful furs? These are remarkably low priced.

### Fur Sets

Natural Raccoon Set, \$25.00	Jap Cross Fox Set, \$35.00
Kamchatka Fox Set, \$39.50	Jap Cross Fox Set, \$50.00
Poiret Wolf Set, \$50.00	Cross Fox Set, \$100.00
Taupe Wolf Set, \$62.50	Cross Fox Set, \$125.00
Pointed Fox Set, \$85.00	Taupe Lynx Set, \$39.50
Taupe Fox Set, \$79.50	Caracul Set, \$95.00
Taupe Fox Set, \$140.00	Eastern Mink Set, \$125.00
	Eastern Mink Set, \$210.00
	Kamchatka Fox Set, \$95

### Fur Scarfs

Pointed Victoria Fox Scarf, \$50 to \$85
Kamchatka Fox Scarf, \$25.00 to \$60.00
Black Fox Scarfs, \$25.00 to \$75.00
Taupe Fox Scarfs, \$50.00 to \$75.00
Black Lynx Scarf, \$50.00 to \$75.00
Jap Mink Scarfs, \$19.50 to \$59.50
Scotch Mole Scarf, \$45.00 to \$95.00
Hudson Seal Stoll, \$80.00 to \$95.00
Skunk Marten Scarf, \$12.50 to \$45.00
Skunk Marten Stoll, \$67.50 to \$100
Gray, Black and Brown Coney Stoll, \$7.50 to \$18.00

### Fine Muffs

Kamchatka Fox Muff, \$27.50 to \$45.00
Black Fox Muff, \$35.00 to \$60.00
Black Lynx Muff, \$40.00
Natural Raccoon Muff, \$19.50
Jap Mink Muff, \$20.00 to \$25.00
American Mink Muff, \$37.50 to \$85.00
Scotch Mole Muff, \$32.50 to \$39.50
Jap Kolinsky Muff, \$25.00 to \$57.50
Red Fox Muff, \$25.00 to \$39.50
Skunk Marten Muff, \$25.00 to \$50.00

(Second Floor.)

## Xmas Gifts for Daily Use



### Lounging Robes

Sizes Up to 48.....  
**\$7.50**

Beacon Cloth of the better quality, Eiderdown and Japanese quilted Habutai Silk Robes. The selection includes most every color and an assortment of styles; trimmed with wide satin ribbons or frogs.

### Kimonos

Sizes Up to 44.....  
**\$6.00**

Crepes de Chine; loose or elastic fitted style; light and dark shades; silk floral patterns; in an assortment of colors and patterns.

### Blanket Robes

at **\$5.00**

Beacon Blanket Robes; many styles; trimmed with satin and cord girdles; light and dark shades; sizes up to 48.

### Blanket Robes

at **\$2.50**

Blanket Robes; tailored finish; plaid and floral patterns; cord girdle; sizes up to 44.

### Children's Blanket Robes

at **\$2.00**

Beacon Blanket Robes; Indian patterns; tan, navy and Copen; cord girdle; sizes 8 to 14.

(Fourth Floor.)

## A SALE—EXTRAORDINARY!

### Women's Warm Winter Coats

That Were Formerly Sold at \$39.50, \$35.00, \$29.50 and \$19.50

**\$17.50**

Tomorrow for the first time this season, fashionable Winter Coats will be placed on sale for \$17.50.

Models for young women, models for women of more mature preferences. Scores of them are here awaiting your selection in this rousing sale.

Materials are fine velours, broadcloths, Bolivias, mixtures, Burellas; many fur-trimmed; all the newest colors. Women's sizes 36 to 44. Your unrestricted choice at \$17.50.  
 (Second Floor.)



A saving of \$1.00 and \$1.50 on each article.

At **\$2.95**

Consists of 100 pieces, such as Ice Tubs, Rolled Edge Bowls, large Fruit Bowls, Pitchers, Footed Comports, Cylinder Vases, Handled Glass Baskets, Fancy Shaped Vases, Wine Decanters and Sugars and Creamers.

## Cut Glass

Of Rich Elegance in Two Great Price Lots

A saving of \$1.50 and \$3.00 on each article.

At **\$5.00**

Consists of Cologne Bottles, Deep Nappies, Jars with covers, Flower Baskets, Sugars and Creamers, Mayonnaise Bowls, Candlesticks, Footed Comports, Bowls, Vases and Celery Dishes.  
 (Main Floor.)

## Extraordinary Savings on Jardinieres

for Gifts

**\$4.50, \$5.50, \$6 and \$7.50 Jardinieres, Monday at \$3.95**

Donatello, wicker, matt green, scenery and other styles; 10 and 12 inch sizes.

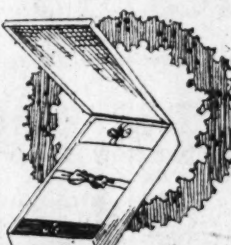
Jardinieres priced at \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75, Monday at **\$1.00**

Jardinieres priced \$3.50 and \$3.75, Monday at **\$2.95**

Umbrella Stands in fancy blended and glazed designs; large size; priced at \$1.75 and \$2.50, Monday **\$1.50**  
 (Main Floor.)

## A Combination Box of Stationary

Makes a Real Xmas Gift



At **59c**

Consisting of 18 Gold Edge Correspondence Cards, 18 Sheets of Writing Paper, 36 Envelopes. All white lawn stock in beautiful Gift Box.  
 Initial Greeting Cards; panel stock; engraved from copper plate, dozen, 39c  
 8-piece Silver Desk Sets, \$5.00  
 Playing Cards, in leather case, 50c  
 Telephone Call Lists, index, \$1.00  
 (Main Floor.)

## 1/2-Price Sale of Trays, Lamp and Candle Shades

An assortment of paper and silk lamp shades, beautiful Japanese hand-painted paper shades, also silk shades with bamboo frames for any size or style of lamp. Beautiful hand-carved and lacquered Trays in Japanese designs. Some are round, some oblong, others oval, in red, black and brown colors. Mostly one of a kind—many samples that are not perfect.



### TRAYS---

1.00 Trays, reduced 50c	3.00 Trays, reduced 1.50
2.00 Trays, reduced 1.00	5.00 Trays, reduced 2.50
10.00 Trays reduced to 5.00	

### LAMP SHADES---

25c Shades, reduced 12c	2.50 Shades, reduced 1.25
50c Shades, reduced 25c	3.00 Shades, reduced 1.50
1.00 Shades, reduced 50c	4.00 Shades, reduced 2.00
1.50 Shades, reduced 75c	5.00 Shades, reduced 2.50
2.00 Shades, reduced 1.00	7.50 Shades, reduced 3.75

(Main Floor.)

## A Gift of Lasting Remembrance

Alcohol Coffee Machines



Regularly \$6.00 and \$7.50 Monday, **\$3.95**

All copper or nickel-plated finish, with faucets; some with stands.  
 (Main Floor.)

## To Please a Woman Give Gifts for Her Room—Cedar Chests!



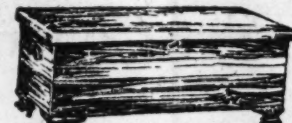
**\$15.00 Cedar Chests Monday at \$10.65**

Good quality Tennessee Red Cedar Chests; natural plain finish; equipped with lock, castors and side handles; size 49 in. long, 18 1/2 in. wide.



**Cedar Chests At \$12.50**

Medium-size Tennessee Red Cedar Chests; nicely finished round-cornered top; equipped with lock, castors and side handles; size 38 in. long, 18 1/2 in. wide.



**\$16.50 Cedar Chests Monday at \$12.95**

Good quality Tennessee Red Cedar Chests; plain natural finish with moulded front corners; equipped with lock, castors and side handles; size 49 in. long, 18 1/2 in. wide.



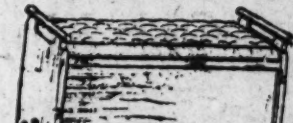
**Cedar Chests Monday at \$22.45**

Large roomy, extra quality Tennessee Red Cedar Chests; nicely finished; four copper bands; extra strong; equipped with strong handles and castors; size 64 in. long, 23 in. wide.



**Cedar Chests Monday at \$24.25**

Extra large size Tennessee Red Cedar Chests; strongly built; neatly trimmed with copper bands; nicely polished in natural color; has lock, castors and strong handles; size 64 in. long, 23 in. wide.



**Cedar Chests Monday at \$29.75**

High grade Tennessee Red Cedar Chests; large size; strongly built; well finished with four copper bands; has lock, castors and handles; size 49 in. long, 21 1/4 in. wide.

**Camisoles At \$1.00**

Camisoles of satin ribbon and lace or crepe de chine and wash satin; trimmed with lace; some have ribbon shoulder straps; sizes to 44.  
 (Fourth Floor.)

**Envelope Chemise At \$2.50**

Wash satin and Jap. silk; empire tailored effect or lace trimmings; ribbon shoulder straps; pink and white; sizes to 44.  
 (Fourth Floor.)

**\$10 Wool-Filled Comforts At \$9.35**

Extra heavy, covered with saten on both sides; wide border to match; closely quilted; large size.  
 (Second Floor.)

**\$5.00 Bath Robe Blankets Monday at \$4.35**

Medium and dark colors; 72x90 in., with two cords to match; reverse patterns—make splendid robes.  
 (Second Floor.)

**\$1.00 Crib Blankets Monday at 80c**

Extra heavy; come in pink or blue with bow knot and animal designs; packed in Xmas box. Size 36x50 in.  
 (Second Floor.)

**\$10 Wool Blankets Monday Pair \$7.85**

Silver gray, tan or white with striped border, or in large black and white block patterns; all full double bed size.  
 (Second Floor.)

## Imported Tokanabe Vases

Choice, as \$1.00 Illustrated **\$1.00**

Most Unusual Savings on Many of These Pretty Vases.



In brown or dark green finish. They make a very much appreciated Xmas present.  
 Choice, \$1.00  
 (Main Floor.)



**New Bungalow Aprons \$1.50**

Of gingham, in solid colors; a variety of stripes and fancy plaids; prettily trimmed with contrasting material; close in front, side or back; wide belts; pockets; all sizes.

**Bungalow Knitting Aprons, \$1.50 and \$1.95**

Beautiful Plaids, stripes and solid colors; trimmed with contrasting colors and cretonne; all sizes.

**Fancy Band and Bib Aprons, 29c, 39c, 49c and 59c**

Small and large; trimmed with rick rack.  
 (Downstairs.)



## We've Cut the Prices on Our Finest Men's Neckwear

in Time for Gift Making

Choose any of our Fine \$1.00 Ties Reduced to **69c**

3 for \$2.00

Choose any of our \$1.50 and \$2.00 Fine Ties Reduced to **\$1.00**

Hundreds of wonderful patterns to select from, made of the heaviest satins, basket weaves, Persians and broadened warp prints. Come early tomorrow.  
 (Main Floor.)

## Men's Silk Shirts

Regularly \$3.50 and \$5.00 Sale Price **\$2.50**



**Tub Silks, fiber silks and silk striped madrazes**  
 Now on the Main Floor.

Choose **\$1.25 & \$1.65 Shirts Reduced to \$1.00**

To quicken Christmas shopping and to give to as many of our patrons as possible, this opportune event is right in time for gift-making.

Shirts in a large variety of patterns in starched and soft cut styles, now priced in our regular stock at \$1.25 and \$1.65, at the low price of \$1.00. Sizes 14 to 17.

## Toys Galore for Boys & Girls



Many at Savings

Tinker Toys, 50c, 75c and \$1.00
American Flyer Trains; 3 cars and big section of track; Monday, \$2.39
Whirlmobile; very interesting and substantial; 50c, 75c and \$1.00
White Jumping Dogs; hair covered, 75c
Wooden Automobiles; racer style, 25c
Farm Yards, with animals, fence and trees, 50c
Tea Sets; large size; blue decorations, 98c
Humpty-Dumpty Sets; large size; plenty of animals; Monday, \$2.99
Gray Enamel Kitchen Sets; practical; size 50c, 75c and \$1.00
76c Tool Boxes; Monday, 69c
Large Cannons; red wheels; six large soldiers; Monday, 98c
Red and White War Ships, 25c
Large Drums; embossed in colors with leather ears, \$1.00
Mechanical Toys; all kinds, 50c, 75c and \$1.00
Toy Violins with strings, bridge and bow, 30c
Jumping Ropes; colored cords and fancy handles, 50c
Sail Boats; large size, 3 sails, 50c
Toy Trunks, tray and lock, 50c

(Downstairs.)

**\$1.00 Building Blocks; large size, Monday, 79c**  
**\$2.25 Anchor Blocks; No. 5; Monday, \$1.98**  
 Bucking Mule and Clown; Monday, 69c  
 Bowling Alley Games, 50c and \$1.00  
**\$3.00 Swing Shoo-fly, Monday, \$2.69**  
 Sleds; flexible runners; Monday, 98c  
 Other Sleds at \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 and up to \$5.00

**Men's \$4.95 Blanket Bath Robes Monday \$3.69**

Checked and floral designs; cut full and roomy; outside patch pockets and rope girdles; all sizes.  
 (Main Floor.)

**Men's \$6.50 Blanket Bath Robes Monday \$4.79**

Indian and checked patterns; cut full and roomy; outside patch pockets and rope girdles; all sizes.  
 (Main Floor.)

**Men's \$7.95 and \$9.50 Blanket Bath Robes Monday \$5.69**

Branded and plain trimmed; cut full and roomy; outside patch pockets and rope girdles; all sizes.  
 (Main Floor.)



FAMOUS AND BARR CO.

The Famous-Barr Band Plays the National Anthem Every Morning at 8:30—Main Floor Gallery

Military Gift Shop—the Surest, Safest Place to Select Things for Soldiers and Women

# The Last Seven Days Find Xmas Stocks



THE STORE is radiant and aglow with the busy activities of Christmas. Each section is making its supreme effort to serve you faithfully and well; every safeguard has been invoked for your comfort and safety. And we ask your co-operation.

Please help us to serve you more efficiently by

**Shopping in the Morning**  
whenever possible, and by  
**Carrying Small Parcels.**

**U. S. Thrift Stamps**  
—and War Savings Certificates  
on sale at our Post Office, Main Floor Gallery.

**Red Cross Seals**  
—the messengers of mercy in the fight to banish tuberculosis, are intimately connected with the success of our arms. They should be affixed to every parcel and every letter you mail.—At All Exchange Desks.

**F.-B. Co. Gift Certificates**

They are really our promise to pay (in merchandise) the amount indicated by the sender—and they give the one who receives them a free hand throughout the entire store, to choose what he or she desires most or needs most.

You can see that they are especially desirable gifts with large employers of labor, who desire to remember each employee with something other than a money gift, yet cannot possibly buy individually for them all.

**Gift Coupons**  
are a furtherance of the same idea—the coupons (worth 10c each) being similarly redeemable in merchandise. Sold in books of 10, 25 or 50 coupons. At Exchange Desk.



**25 Greeting Cards for 69c**

You can send 25 friends a charming PERSONAL message on Christmas morning for the small expense of 69c. Others up to \$2.00 for 25 cards. Besides the pretty sentiment they bear your name, typographed. Envelopes are included.

Also Special—100 Lined Visiting Cards, with card cases... 79c

Main Floor, Aisle 5.

**Secure Tickets Here For**

St. Louis Pageant Choral Society's Presentation of **Handel's "Messiah"**  
ODEON, DECEMBER 27.  
Jefferson Theater—Twins Bed.  
American Theater—Kathleen.  
Orpheum Theater—Refined.  
Vaudeville.  
Pageant Theater—Moving Picture, benefit Navy Comfort Fund Committee, Dec. 19 and 20.  
Main Floor Gallery

**BICYCLES**

They keep man and boy in good exercise.

Here are the best kinds at moderate prices:

**Admiral Moto-Bikes**  
22-26 inch double bar frames, enameled in two-tone color combinations, with mud guards and rims to match. Equipped with New Departure Coaster Brake and Goodyear tires. Special at... **\$32.50**

**Admiral Roadsters**  
For men and boys—20 and 22 inch frames. Enameled in black and royal, also green and red; mud guards and rims to match. Equipped with spring saddles, adjustable handlebars, rat-trap pedals. New Departure coaster brake and Goodyear tires offered at... **\$27.50**

**Juvenile Bicycles**  
16 and 18 inch frames, enameled in black with red trimmings; fitted with guaranteed tires, coaster brake and mud guards; **\$24.95** a splendid value at...  
Second Floor

Another Remarkable Purchase and Another Remarkable

## Sale of Italian Marble

at Savings From 1/3 to 1/2 and More



A very unusual purchase, to which we have added the remaining pieces from our last purchase, which was on sale several weeks ago.

Beautiful Italian Marble pieces, including Classic Figures and Marble Electric Lamps. Among the subjects are Diana, Apollo, Three Graces (in various sizes), Thorn Boy, Christ, St. Mary, Dante, Beatrice, Shakespeare, Washington, Dickens, Mozart, Napoleon, Longfellow, etc.

All of the highest quality and from the best sculptors in Italy. For hurried selling we have divided them into seven groups. A sale that comes just at the opportune time for gift buying.

- Group 1—\$6 to \$10 values, 32 pieces only, **\$4.00**
- Group 2—\$11 to \$17 values, 35 pieces only, **\$8.50**
- Group 3—\$18 to \$24 values, 20 pieces only, **\$12.00**
- Group 4—\$25 to \$36 values, 48 pieces only, **\$16.50**
- Group 5—\$40 to \$55 values, 35 pieces only, **\$26.50**
- Group 6—\$60 to \$76 values, 24 pieces only, **\$39.50**
- Group 7—\$80 to \$120 values, 22 pieces only, **\$55.00**

Each sale is final; none can be exchanged or returned for credit.

Fifth Floor

## EVERY Victrola Model Is Here!



You needn't confine yourself to any one model—they're ALL here.

NEW, UNUSED AND PERFECT—that is the guarantee that goes with every instrument from Famous-Barr Co.

IF YOU GIVE US YOUR ORDER NOW you may choose any of the following models, and be certain of its delivery:

- Victrola, Style X.....\$75—\$7.50 Cash—\$5.00 Monthly
- Victrola, Style XIA.....\$110—\$10.00 Cash—\$6.00 Monthly
- Victrola, Style XIV.....\$165—\$10.00 Cash—\$8.00 Monthly
- Victrola, Style XVI.....\$215—\$15.00 Cash—\$10.00 Monthly
- Victrola, Style XVII.....\$250—\$25.00 Cash—\$10.00 Monthly
- Victrola, Style XVII.....\$265—\$25.00 Cash—\$10.00 Monthly
- Other Models at \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30, \$45, \$50

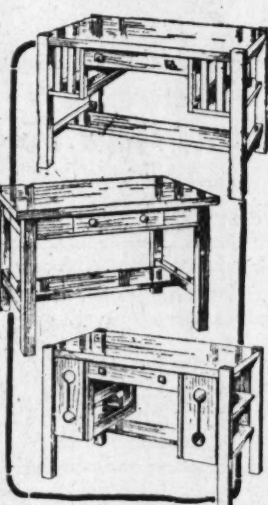
Christmas Records

- 45145—\$1.00: "Silent Night, Holy Night," and "Holy Night."
- 74436—\$1.50: Oh, Come All Ye Faithful. By John McCormack.

Sixth Floor

## Oak Library Tables

Have a Rare Gift Appeal, Monday at... **\$15.00**



SOLID OAK—and carefully finished in the popular fumed effect. Some have magazine or book racks on the ends.

Other Splendid Gifts

Colonial style Library Tables, polished mahogany finish, \$15.00.  
Library Tables, Queen Anne Period, in mahogany, 48-inch top, \$21.50.

Library Tables of solid mahogany Queen Anne design, shaped top, \$29.75.

Massive Colonial Tables, finished in the dull mahogany, 48-inch top, \$32.75.

Easy Chairs or Rockers, best grade imitation leather, winged sides, \$22.50.

Odd Chairs and Rockers, oak and mahogany finish, imitation leather upholstery, \$9.45.

Sewing Cabinets, "Priscilla" style, solid mahogany, \$4.98

Fourth Floor

## Home Gift Ideal \$35 to \$50 Dinner Sets



Monday Special... **\$29.75**

Exactly 24 one-hundred-piece sets in this lot—of Nippon China; in four different patterns; six sets of each pattern—perfectly plain; pure white finish with rich, brilliant glaze; various beautiful border decorations. Rich and elegant dinner services with fast stand sauce boat and bread and butter plates.

Other Monday Specials

\$47 Theo. Haviland Ware, 100-piece sets, \$29.00.

\$39 White and Gold Dinner Sets, 100 pieces, \$27.50.

Fifth Floor

## \$10 Real Filet Collars

Specially Priced

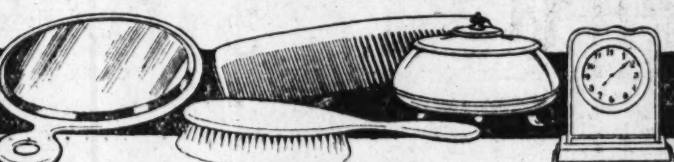


at **\$7.98**

For women of exclusive and discriminating taste—these exquisitely fine real Filet Collar and Cuff Sets will prove a charming present. Our regular \$10.00 values Monday at \$7.98.

Stocks and Jabots—of the very finest laces and nets—\$1.98

new, full, fluffy effects now so smart, specially priced Monday at...  
Main Floor, Aisle 2



## "Ivory" Toilet Gifts

Hundreds upon hundreds of dainty things here—select, exclusive pieces, many at special prices tomorrow:

**Special**  
25c Manicure Pieces; large handle; good steel, 15c.

\$1.25 Manicure Sets; 5 pieces in lined box, 85c.

\$1.50 Jewel Cases; velvet lined, in the new shapes; generous size, \$1.00.

**Special**  
35c Shave Jars; glass lined; good weight, 20c.

\$5.75 "French Ivory" Electroliers; complete with fine silk shade, \$4.45.

50c Perfume Bottles; with frosted stoppers, in a square ivory holder, 29c.

\$2.50 Hairbrushes; solid bristle and solid back, \$1.89

Ivory Candle Sticks; several good styles; \$1.25 values, 79c.

\$4.50 Three-Piece Toilet Sets; comb, brush and mirror, in neat lined box, \$2.95.

**Special**  
38c Ivory Combs; coarse or coarse and fine teeth; splendid weight, 28c.

\$1.50 Picture Frames; large size; oval or square shaped opening, \$1.20.

\$2.50 Hand Mirrors; French plate beveled glass, 6 1/2 in. size; solid back, \$1.75.

**Special**  
4-piece Manicure Sets, on ivory tray, 49c.

Main Floor, Aisle 8

For Monday, a Sale of

## Sample Leather Novelties

Including 260 Pieces 1/3 to 1/2 Offered at Savings of

In this group are Dressing Sets for men and women, Victorias, Limousine and Over-night Cases, Boston Bags, Knitting and Sewing Cases, etc. All of the highest grade leather; linings of silk and leather; fittings of ebony and ivory.

Early choosing is naturally advantageous, as the best values will be snapped up first.

Monday, While They Last,

**98c to \$12**

THE LEATHER GOODS SECTION teems with Christmas gifts, among which are those most practical and useful.

Hand Bags and Purses

Pin seals, Morocco, silks, velvets and imported bead effects; every conceivable staple and novelty style; handsomely lined and fitted... **\$1 to \$45**

Leather Novelties

Including Card Cases, Bill Folders, Leather Books, Collar Bags and Boxes, Writing Portfolios, Sewing Boxes, Manicure Sets and hundreds of others, priced... **50c to \$25**

Main Floor, Aisle 5

## \$4 Taffeta Petticoats

An Unexpected Xmas Treat Monday at...

**\$2.75**

Both plain and fancy flounced skirts, in solid shades and plain colors; all lengths. This special lot contains but 300 skirts—so we advise you to be among the first comers.

Heatherbloom \$1.89 Petticoats

Another chance to save on good, serviceable Skirts for everyday. All have full, fancy flounces; all lengths.



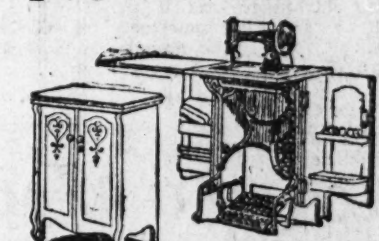
Good Cotton Petticoats

Plain black cotton skirts, with rose-colored "Dresden" printings; Platted flounces. Special at... **\$1.00**

Third Floor

## New "Free" Cabinet Machines

Another Lot, Special Monday, **\$45.00**



Special Lot of New Machines—drophead, ball bearing, light running, dust-proof machines. Values up to \$22.50; choice, **\$15 & \$18**

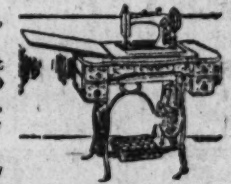
Sewing Rocker Free With Every Machine Bought Monday

\$50.00 New Singer Machines, No. 66, \$35.00.

\$65.00 New Home Cabinet Machines, all enclosed, \$40.00

\$50.00 New 2-Spool Machines, a spool above and a spool below—slightly marred, \$37.50.

All are just new Machines, fresh from their original crates; all finished in the popular "wax" oak; regularly \$66 and higher.



Fifth Floor

## Every Man Wants a Smoking Jacket

He might not confess it openly, but there's nothing in the wide world that will conduce more toward his long comfort and pleasure.

Famous-Barr Co.'s assortments were never so varied, so complete; values were never more tempting.

Those who are choosing earliest are choosing best. Don't put YOUR choice off another day—but select tomorrow from one of these specialized groups below:

- Smoking Jackets at \$4.75**  
Ten styles in ten-tone cloths, trimmed with silk cord edges and two sets of loops. Sizes 34 to 50.
- Smoking Jackets at \$7.75**  
Twelve models in fancy back fabrics in contrasting color effects. Sizes for men of all builds and types.
- Smoking Jackets at \$11.50**  
Velour-finished cassimeres in richest shades; fancy colored backs to match; bound edges; silk cord trimmed.
- Smoking Jackets at \$20.00**  
Luxurious silks and velvets, richly trimmed; smartest new patterns. Gifts of supreme elegance.

Second Floor

## "PLAY SCOUT" SUITS

All the Boys Want Them

As near the regulation suit as possible; military coat, trousers, hat, leggings and knapsack. In good grade fast color khaki (style sketched). Sizes 7 to 14 years.

**\$3.45 and \$4.50**

Rain Outfits **\$3.75**  
—dark tan and steel gray, rainproof cloth; coat and hat. Packed in holly boxes. Sizes 6 to 17 years.

Velvet Suits **\$4.95**  
—short Russians and Rob Roy models, in blue or green; plaid collars and cuffs, sizes 2 1/2 to 6 years.



Second Floor

Men's Cold Weather Union Suits, \$1.50  
Heavy cotton ribbed suits in white, ecru and silver, all with closed crotch.

Main Fl., Aisle 7

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Sanitary  
Only One Motion of the Hand Needed.

The Englander Couch-Bed  
Complete with imperial Roll Edge Mattress, is indispensable where space is a consideration. One motion of the hand converts the Couch into a full size Bed for two adults. Simple in construction. Nothing to get out of order.

Sold by all of the Leading Furniture and Department Stores, under the ENGLANDER Guarantee. If your dealer does not sell the Englander Couch-Bed, write for illustrated booklet and names of nearest dealers.

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Englander Wit-Edge Bed Springs, Divans, Foldaway Beds & Cots  
Eastern Factory, Bush Terminal, BROOKLYN, N. Y.  
Western Factory, 615-625 W. 34th St., CHICAGO, ILL.

Reception for Secretary Wilson.  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 15.—Representatives of labor unions and civic organizations met today and arranged a joint reception for Secretary of Labor Wilson and his party, ordered to stop here for an informal investigation of the street car controversy early next week. Secretary Wilson will address the members of the St. Paul Association at lunch Tuesday and Tuesday night will speak at the Auditorium.

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Cousins' best Coffee 3 lbs. \$1.00  
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HOLIDAY NUTS—Fresh—  
Just arrived. Almonds, English Walnuts, Pecans, Brazil, Filberts, 20c to 35c lb.

1-lb. can Cousins' Leader Baking Powder 20c

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## LEGAL ADVICE FOR MEN FILLING OUT QUESTIONNAIRES

Board of Three Lawyers in Each Ward to Inform Registrants as to Rights.

The services of 550 lawyers in St. Louis will be available free to registered men for assistance in filling out the questionnaires by which the men will be classified for the next draft, it was announced yesterday. There is a permanent legal advisory board of three members attached to each of the 23 ward boards, and in addition 10 or more lawyers in each ward will be ready to advise registrants.

All the local draft boards in St. Louis and St. Louis County yesterday began mailing out the questionnaires to more than 70,000 men in these districts who are subject to military service. The same procedure was begun throughout the country in compliance with regulations prescribed by Provost Marshal-General Crowder.

The regulations provide that each board mail questionnaires on the first day to 5 per cent of its registrants not yet in the service, and to 5 per cent on each succeeding business day until the list is finished. Thus 20 business days will be needed to complete the mailing. Any registrant who fails to receive a questionnaire is charged with the responsibility of applying to his board for one.

Seven Days for Return.  
The registrant must return the questionnaire properly filled out within seven days. Failure to do this will subject him to imprisonment in the penitentiary for one year unless he has a reasonable and valid excuse.

The questionnaires are being mailed to registrants according to the order fixed by the drawing held in Washington last summer to determine the order of call for the first draft. Because of the large number of questions and the detailed answers required, encompassing the whole range of the registrant's economic and social relations, it was realized that many men would need advice. The Government then called upon the lawyers of the country, through the bar associations, to undertake to advise the men.

The result has been the enlistment of attorneys everywhere for this purpose. James C. Jones, president of the State Bar Association, was appointed by Gov. Gardner to have charge of the work in Missouri. A committee consisting of former Circuit Judge Eugene McQuillin, chairman; Edward C. Elliot, Forrest C. Donnell, Circuit Judge Vital W. Garesche and W. L. Sturdevant was appointed to organize and assign the lawyers of St. Louis.

Lawyer on Duty at All Times.  
One or more lawyers will be on duty at all times when the draft boards are open for business. Others will be available for consultation at their offices.

The Circuit Judges, nine of whom are members of permanent legal advisory boards, at the last general term of the Circuit Court passed a rule providing that an attorney who had been unable to get a case ready for trial because of this draft work might have the case continued.

The lawyers are expected to carry on their work fairly and impartially and to advise registrants as to their rights and obligations in the proper manner in which to answer the questions. The Government has expressed the opinion clearly that it is inconsistent with this duty for lawyers to seek clients for the purpose of urging and advocating individual cases in any other way than as disinterested and impartial assistants of the selective service system.

Personnel of Advisory Boards.  
The permanent legal advisory board of the St. Louis Wards are constituted as follows:

First Ward—Edward E. Rudolph, chairman; James B. Kinney and Robert L. McLaren.

Second Ward—George V. Reynolds, chairman; Edward J. McCullen and John M. Goodwin.

Third Ward—Circuit Judge Karl Kimmel, chairman; Edward A. Roy and Sidney T. Able.

Fourth Ward—Former Circuit Judge Perry F. Taylor and former Circuit Judge Irvin V. Barth.

Fifth Ward—Circuit Judge Samuel Rosenfeld, chairman; former Supreme Court Judge Shepard Barclay and Ernest C. Dodge.

Sixth Ward—Charles C. Revelle, chairman; Samuel H. West and former Judge Henry S. Priest.

Seventh Ward—Circuit Judge Kent K. Koerner, chairman; Paul V. Janis and Guy A. Thompson.

Eighth Ward—W. Christy Bryan, chairman; William S. Campbell and S. L. Swartz.

Ninth Ward—C. C. Collins, chairman; Thomas F. Galt and Bates H. McFarland.

Tenth Ward—Augustus L. Abbott, chairman; Wilbur B. Jones and James M. Breckinridge.

Eleventh Ward—John E. Bishop, chairman; George M. Block and Henry W. Blodgett.

Twelfth Ward—Harry A. Frank, chairman; Charles R. Skinner and James E. Gaskill.

Thirteenth Ward—Henry A. Roskopf, chairman; John M. Atkinson and Campbell Cummings.

Fourteenth Ward—Circuit Judge John W. Calhoun, chairman; Richard A. Jones and E. E. Schnepf.

Fifteenth Ward—Former U. S. Solicitor-General F. W. Lehmann, chairman; J. Sydney Salkey and Earl F. Nelson.

Sixteenth Ward—Circuit Judge J. Hugo Grimm, chairman; former Cir-

## Do Your Christmas Shopping Here We Give and Redeem Eagle Stamps

**Biggest Hits on**  
**Connorized Rolls**  
Bonnie Eloise, Jingle Bells, each... 35c  
Wells Xmas Waltz, Thoughts of Old... 45c  
Old Glory March... 50c  
We have just purchased a lot of 88-note Music Rolls, all new, from a leading manufacturer, 15c each, or 8 for \$1.00.

**ST. LOUIS BARGAIN CENTER**  
**Penny & Gentles**  
BROADWAY & MORGAN ST.

**1918 Style Graphophone**  
And 12 Small Records, special for Monday's \$7.75 selling at.....

### Men's Brush Set

Two Military Brushes, ebony finish, oval style; packed in leatherette case (like cut).

**69c**

### \$8.00 Toilet Sets

Women's 12-piece Toilet and Manicure Set: brush, mirror, comb, file, nail jars, puff jars, buffer, etc.; all ebony finish; in large cloth-lined display case.

**\$3.95**

### \$1.39 Shaving Sets

Men's shaving set; shaving brush, soap cup, hairbrush and comb.

**\$1.00**

### \$1.35 Wash Boilers

200 Extra large heavy rolled tin wash boilers, No. 8 size; Monday special.

**98c**

## All Dolls and Toys Reduced Monday

GET THE BEST VALUES AND SAVE MONEY

Boys' \$1.50 Hand Car, with chain seat and rubber tires... <b>\$3.95</b>	Child's White Enamel Furniture, with wire base, fire, stove, sink or hook and cabinet, nicely painted... <b>39c</b>	Child's 25c Toy Registered Bank (like real)... <b>10c</b>	45c Doll Bed or Cradle... <b>25c</b>	Boys' \$1.50 Handwood Steering Wheel, the delight of all boys; priced specially for this sale... <b>85c</b>	\$5 High-Grade A. S. & M. 1st class, strongly made; easy running machine; suitable for child from 3 to 5 years; special... <b>\$4.95</b>
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## Women's \$22.50 Coats

An elegant lot of Swagger Warm Winter Coats, made of plush, velvet, kersey, beaver, zibeline and novelty mixtures. Come in all sizes. The season's best values at...

**\$13.75**

### \$7.98 to \$12 Fur Muffs

Made of various kinds of skins, in black and taupe blends, round or canteen shape; satin lined.

**\$5.98 and \$7.98**

### Stout Size Serge Skirts

Worth Up to \$8.00 at

**\$5.98 and \$6.98**

Made extra full and with pockets and gathered back, fashioned of all-wool serge, in black and navy. Come in all lengths and 30 to 40 inch waistbands.

## Men's Silk Shirts

In all the newest Fall patterns and the kind that wear; big values at

**\$5.49, \$3.98 & \$2.98**

### Men's Neckwear

An endless variety to select from. Underpriced at 69c, 59c, 49c and.....

**35c**

### Men's Silk Hose

None better at the price; special, pair.....

**59c**

### Mufflers

For men; splendid values for little money; special, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 to \$3.00.

**59c**

### Men's Hose Supporters

Special for Monday at

**18c**

### Silk Hose

Women's Silk Hose; all colors; special, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 to \$3.00.

**59c**

### Men's Suspenders

Made for good wear; special at 50c and.....

**37c**

## Wash Goods In Basement

35c Dress Gingham... **22c**

39c Shirting Madras... **25c**

50c White Jap Silks... **25c**

35c Plaid Dress Suiting... **19c**

75c Shirting Silks... **59c**

15c Remnants Suitings... **5c**

## Women's Neckwear, 1/2 Price

All fresh, new, crisp styles, jabots, satin and Georgette collars and sets, organdie, pique and corduroy collars and sets; values up to \$2.50.

**98c, 59c, 39c**

### Men's Initial Handkerchiefs

With 1-in. hemstitched hems and embroidered initials.

**6 in box... 98c**

### 25c Tourist Sets

Brush, Mirror, Comb, Scissors, File and other pieces in leatherette kit.

**98c**

### 89c Leather Purses

Double envelope style, all real leather with lining; leather strap and buckle.

**59c**

### 89c Music Rolls

Black seal grain leatherette; with more lining; leather strap and buckle.

**59c**

## Sale of Sample Rubbers, Men's 79c; Women's, 59c

### Useful Xmas Gifts

Women's \$1.50 felt Julietts; fur-trimmed; sizes 5 to 22.

**\$1.00**

### Misses' and Children's Felt Julietts

Fur-trimmed; sizes 5 to 22.

**89c**

### Splendid Xmas Gifts

Men's \$2.00 Black and Tan Everetts and Black Romeo House Slippers; an ideal gift for father, brother or son; all sizes.

**\$1.49**

## Silk Petticoats

Excellent quality silk taffeta in the prettiest assortment of plain and changeable colors. \$4.50 value, at

**\$3.49**

### 75c Petticoats

Flannellette Petticoats, in light and dark patterns, special.....

**45c**

### Children's Sweaters

75c Sweaters; part wool; all colors, special at.....

**55c**

### Infants' Caps

With hood attached; silk braid trimmed; drummer's samples.....

**\$2.19**

## A Gigantic Clearance Sale of 500 Velvet Shapes

Hats Trimmed Free.

No C.O.D. Mail or Phone.

Styles and Colors. Large small and medium sizes, side rolls, turbans, colonial, soft effects. Plenty of good blacks and other colors.....

**50c**

## Boys' Suits and O'coats

ARE APPRECIATED GIFTS

Every Boys' \$5.00 Suit Goes

Monday **\$3.95** at.....

We are offering this as an inducement to you in these busy times of Xmas shopping, for we know that you will more than appreciate a money-saving opportunity at this time; sizes 8 to 18 years; every durable pattern in cassimeres, chevilles and fancy mixtures; French models.

**BOYS' \$6.50 OVERCOATS**

Long and medium lengths; there are mixtures of every description; in dozen different patterns; sizes 8 to 18; also gray chinchillas.

**\$4.95**

### Men's \$12.50 Overcoats

These are medium-weight, heavy box coats with velvet collar; in all-wool fabrics of good patterns; in gray and brown mixtures, as well as long plain gray and mixed color; convertible collar; sizes 32 to 44.

**\$8.95**

## Felt-Top Mattress

Large mill purchase 500 Felt-Top Mattresses, covered in old-fashion striped leather-proof tick; ing; all sizes; special.

**\$3.49**

### 50c Felt Linoleum

Choice patterns, such as hardwood, floral or fancy block felt.

**29c**

### GLOVES Are Useful Gifts

Women's Two-Color Real Kid Gloves, extra large and heavy; washable; all sizes; special.

**\$2.00**

Men's \$1.50 Astrakhan Gloves; heavy astrakhan back with fine leather palm; heavy fleece lining.

**\$1.00**

### Blankets Comforts

\$5.50 Wool Nap Blankets, heavy weight; soft and warm; extra large size; pair.

**\$3.98**

\$4 Bed Comforts; covered with all-wool, white cotton filled; extra large size; special.

**\$2.75**

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Chicagoans Ordered to Frisco Camp. CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A thousand drafted men from Chicago were suddenly informed today that they would be sent to Fort Winfield Scott, San Francisco, next week. The reason was not announced. This is the first time that Chicago drafted men have been sent directly from their homes to cantonments other than Camp Grant, at Rockford, Ill.

## MR. CARR HAD ECZEMA 8 YEARS

On Limbs. Also on Head, Ears, Chest, Neck. Cuticura Healed.

"Eczema began to show on my left limb in red spots, itching and scaling off when rubbed. Finally it began to show on my right limb between the knee and ankle, and continued in this manner for seven or eight years, always getting worse. The itching caused irritation by scratching. It also broke out on my head, ears, chest, and neck, and caused disfigurement."

"Then I began to use Cuticura Soap and Ointment and after the first application I began to see that they were taking effect. I continued and now I am completely healed." (Signed) Francis Carr, Soldiers' Home, Danville, Ill., December 19, 1916.

If you have a poor complexion improve it by using Cuticura Soap daily and Cuticura Ointment occasionally.

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As an auxiliary in the treatment and prevention of pyorrhea

## PYORRHOCIDE POWDER (Antiseptic)

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Pyorrhocide Powder aids in repairing soft, bleeding, spongy, receding gum-manifestations of intermediate and advanced pyorrhea. It removes the bacterial plaque or film which harbors the germs of pyorrhea and decay. It removes the daily accretion of fatty calculus (tartar) which is the principal cause of loose teeth and

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Sold throughout the world at dental supply houses and drug stores.

N. B. A dollar package contains 3 months' supply. Send 6 cents in stamps for sample and descriptive booklet.

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## An Editor Recommends "5-DROPS" To Rheumatic Sufferers

Mr. L. P. Hill, editor Enterprise, Enid, Okla., writes: "I want to tell you that I have been living in this district for the past 27 years and there is no man that I better know than I am. I tell you this because I want you to know that I am no stranger to the people. About twenty days ago I was down on my back with the worst case of rheumatism and began to use your medicine and in about a week I was on my feet again. People all over Birmingham and Enid are astonished to see me get well so quick and wanted to know what medicine I took. I told them '5-DROPS' and every man who has the rheumatism knows of your medicine and says they will use it. I am telling every one of the virtue of your remedy and I assure it will increase the sale of same. Such evidence as this should be sufficient to prove to any person the value of '5-DROPS' in rheumatic troubles. '5-DROPS' is sold by the leading druggists in every part of the United States and Canada."

A Sample bottle will be mailed free, if you will write to The Swanson Company, Newark, O.

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Radway's Ready Relief

25c 50c For Seventy Years True and True

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## MEN DISABLED IN WAR TO BE FITTED FOR SELF-SUPPORT

Chamber of Commerce to Co-operate With Educators in Devising Effective System.

PLAN FOUND IN CANADA

Placement Bureau Organized, and Survey Made of Industries Where Opening Exists.

Plans for providing employment for American soldiers disabled in the war, and for giving them the special training which they may need for such employment, will be carried out by the Placement Bureau for Handicapped Men, which has been organized in St. Louis in the past week. The work of this bureau will be to direct such men toward training and re-education, as well as into employment; to serve as an employment agency for these men; and to open new industries to handicapped men, and to get industrial plants re-adjusted for the benefit of the disabled.

The Chamber of Commerce is to co-operate in the plan, and the heads of local institutions for scientific and manual training are also active in the preliminary arrangements. In this work, the plan which was developed in the Canadian province of Alberta will be followed.

Alberta is credited with being the first region in any of the allied countries to deal in a business-like and scientific way with the problem of caring for its returning disabled soldiers. The Government of the province made a survey of Canadian industries and learned the number and kind of trades at which the disabled men could be put. The findings of this survey have been put to practical use in a very satisfactory way.

A similar survey has already been made by the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, and a list of industries, which can use men suffering from various disabilities, has been prepared.

At a meeting, to be called during the holidays, Chancellor Hall of Washington University, Principal Gustafson, head of the David Ranken Jr. School of Mechanical Trades, Superintendent Green of the Missouri School for the Blind, Superintendent John W. Withers and other educators will speak of the possibilities of industrial use of disabled men.

PEARY TO SPEAK HERE JAN. 30

Will Tell C. of M. Members' Conference of Aviation as War Need.

Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole and a member of the National Coast Patrol Commission, will speak before the members' conference of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 30. He will touch on his polar experiences, but will speak principally on aviation and the need of its development as a war measure.

Among the speakers booked for January are Herbert Hoover, Food Administrator, whose visit will be his first to the Middle West since his appointment, and Job E. Hedges, after-dinner talker of New York City and former candidate for Mayor. February speakers will be Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University; Charles Bonaparte, former Secretary of the Navy; Arthur Woods, Police Commissioner of New York City; Theodore P. Shonts, builder of the New York underground transportation system; and John Kendrick Bangs, humorist.

GALLOWAY FUNERAL TOMORROW

Doctor's Death Follows an Operation of a Week Before.

The funeral of Dr. W. L. Galloway, of 1222 North Taylor avenue, who died suddenly Friday night at Barnes Hospital, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Second Presbyterian Church. The Rev. J. W. Melvor will officiate. Dr. Galloway had apparently almost recovered from an operation of a week before, and had sat up Friday afternoon. He was 58 years old, and had been practicing in St. Louis for 28 years. An organ recital which was to have been given this afternoon at Graham Memorial Church, Washington University, by Charles Galloway, a brother, was postponed a week.

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MORE COAL FOR CITY'S YARDS

After a shortage for three days, municipal coal yards were supplied from a car that arrived before noon yesterday, and about 40 tons more is expected to reach St. Louis from the reaches St. Louis, teams will be put to work to haul it to the various stations to be sold tomorrow. Yesterday's confinement was delivered from wagons as fast as they arrived at the coal stations. The difficulty of getting cars from the mines is likely to interfere with plans for keeping a constant supply at the municipal yards during the continuance of the present cold weather.

Spanish Republican Leader Dies.

MADRID, Dec. 15.—Gumersinde de Azcarate, leader of the Republican party, is dead at the age of 78. He was regarded as a man of extraordinary political talent and often was consulted by King Alfonso in difficult circumstances.

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This is the third of a series of articles by Sergt. Arthur Guy Empey, author of "Over the Top," the best seller of all the trench fighting books, recounting his experiences in the war not covered in his book. Sergt. Empey was wounded many times and finally permanently invalided while serving with the British forces. Another article by him will be printed in next Sunday's Post-Dispatch.

By SERGT. ARTHUR GUY EMPEY, author of "Over the Top," the best seller of all the books on trench fighting.

A TWELL looked in my direction as the bombardment grew hotter, and in a tone of voice which from him I had never heard before, answered:

"I've been out since '14. I've buried many a mate and I've seen many a lucky bloke on a stretcher bound for Blighty, and never gave it a thought, but right

now I feel as if my stay in the trenches will be short. I've something on my mind since September, 1914, and it's been worrying me pink. I'm going to tell you the story, and I'll give you my oath that you're the first one that's ever heard it from my lips, but I've got to have your promise that you'll not judge me too harshly. I've just got to get it out of my system.

"It was back in September, 1914. You know I came out with the first hundred thousand, the time when all the fighting was done in the open. The Germans were smashing every thing before them in their drive on Paris. Our regiment was one of the few opposed to Von Kluck. It was a case of hold them for a few hours and then retreat. We didn't even have time to bury our dead. The grub was rotten, and we were just about fagged out, dead tired, with no prospect of relief or rest in front of us.

"It was customary for small patrols of 10 to 20 men, in charge of a Sergeant, to reconnoiter on our flanks. One day I was sent out in charge of one of these parties. Oh, yes, I was a Sergeant then, but I lost my stripes—disobedience of orders they called it. I suppose I ought to feel lucky I wasn't shot, but I'll leave it to you whether I did right or not.

"At that time I was in for a commission, but, of course, didn't get it. If I had received it, no doubt by this time I'd be pushing up the daisies somewhere in France. In those days officers didn't last long—made fine targets for the boches.

"This patrol I was in charge of carried rations for three days. We were to scout around just in front of the advancing enemy, but our orders were not to engage them—just get information. If the information obtained was valuable enough, I was to send it in by one of the men. There were 14 of us, and we were mounted. I was in the Lancers then, and was considered a fair rider.

"The first day nothing happened. We just scouted around, so when we came to a village—wasn't a village either, just five or six houses clustered around a church—I decided to go into billets for the night.

"The Welcome to the Betrayal. "Riding up to the largest house, which had a four-foot stone wall running around its garden, dismounted at the gate and knocked with the hilt of my sword. Pretty soon a light appeared at the front door—the house was on a sort of a knoll, so this door was in plain view. Then the sweetest voice I ever heard called out in trembling tones, in perfect English, too, but with just the suspicion of an accent:

"Who is there, please?" "I answered, 'Just a few English lancers who desire a place to rest for the night. The barn will do. We don't want anything to eat, as we have rations with us. So if you will accommodate us, miss, I will be much obliged.' I was in love with that girl before I saw her—the voice had done the trick.

"She answered, 'Just a moment, please, until I tell her, and then the door shut and the light disappeared. We didn't have to wait long before the door opened and she called to me:

"Father bids you welcome, and so do I, soldiers of England."

"Then she opened the gate. There she stood on the gravel path, with the lantern held high. I trembled all over—I thought I saw a vision. I tell you, Yank, she was beautiful. One of the kind you would like to have in your arms, but won't for fear of crushing. No use for me to try to describe her, Yank, it's out of my line; but she captured me, heart and soul. There I stood like a great, big boob, shaking and blushing. At last I managed to blurt out a stammering 'Thank you, Miss.' "She showed us the way to the stables, and stood in the door holding the lantern so we could see to unsaddle. I was fumbling around with the buckles, but for the life of me couldn't get that saddle off. One of the men, with a wink and a broad grin, came over and helped me. That grin got my goat, so, on the sly, I kicked him on the shin. He let out an explosive 'Damn.' After that 'damn' the silence was painful. The poor fellow felt like a fool. I was sorry for him, even though I could have killed him for his thoughtlessness. But our embarrassment was short lived, because a silvery laugh came from behind the lantern, a laugh that was not loud, but it echoed and re-echoed among the rafters overhead. I can hear it right now, Yank.

"Her Wiles Bewildered Him. "After the horses had been unsaddled and fed, the men looked appealingly at me. I knew what they wanted—they were dog tired, and dying to hit the hay. Just as I was about to ask permission for them to turn in, the angel butted in with: "Poor, tired soldiers, sleepy and hungry. Come right into the house. Jean has some supper and wine ready for you."

"We stammered but thanks and followed her into the house like a string of sheep. Yank, to me that meal was a dream. She flitted around the table, filling a glass here and there, laughing with us and making us feel at home. The war was forgotten. By this time I was madly in love with her, and she knew it, because when she leaned over my shoulder to replenish my glass with red wine, her hair wild brush my cheek, and once she rested her hand on my shoulder and gave it just the slightest squeeze. I was in heaven.

"It was getting late and the wine was beginning to tell on the men. They were falling asleep in their chairs. I had a hard job walking four of them to go on guard. They

got their rifles and were standing around for instructions, when our hostess came over to me, and resting her hand on my arm, with again the slightest of squeezes and pleading eyes, interceded for them.

"Sergeant," she said, 'let the poor boys sleep. They are so tired. There is no danger. The Germans are miles away. I know this to be true. Do this for me.' And again that squeeze.

"I, like a fool, listened to her, and gave on unwilling assent. The men looked their gratitude. Jean, the man-servant led them out to the barn, where an abundance of hay had been spread for their beds. I was following, when a whisper in my ear made my head swim:

"Don't go yet, my Sergeant, stay with me."

"I stayed, worse luck. "We sat on a settee, talking, and her arm stole around my waist. I wasn't slow, either, and as you know, Yank, I have a pretty good reach. Once she spoke to me in French, but I shook my head in bewilderment. In a few minutes the servant returned, and Adrienne—she told me her name—called him to her, and said:

"Jean, go down in the wine cellar and get some of that old port and give it to the soldiers of England. Poor boys, it will warm them. She added something in French I could not understand. Then she added:

"Leave a bottle here for the Sergeant and me."

"I protested against more wine for the boys. Her pleading overruled my good judgment, and I consented. The servant left to do her mission, and I proposed. Her answer was a

kiss. I was the happiest man in France. "Good Tasting Wine, but Deadly. "Presently Jean returned, and silently placing a bottle and two glasses on the table, withdrew. We

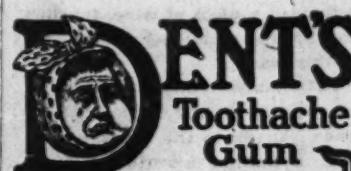
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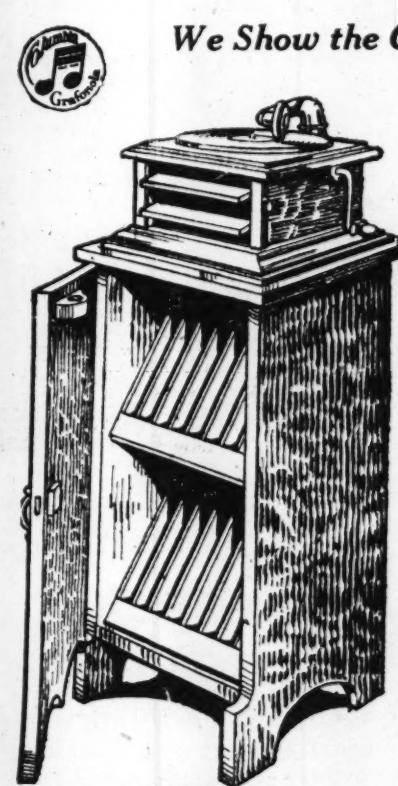
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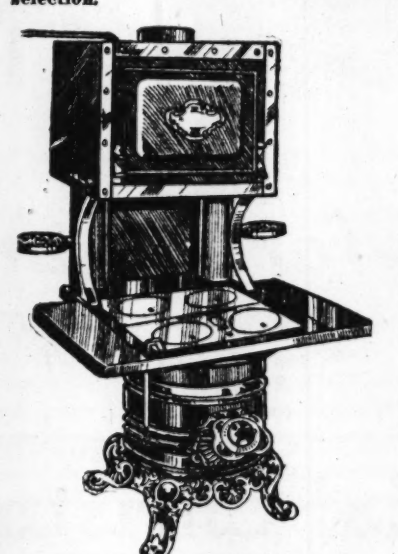
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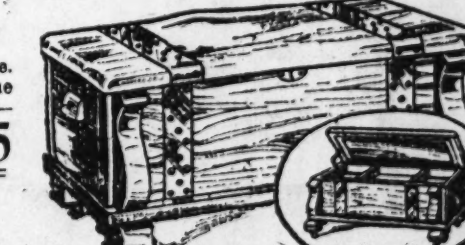
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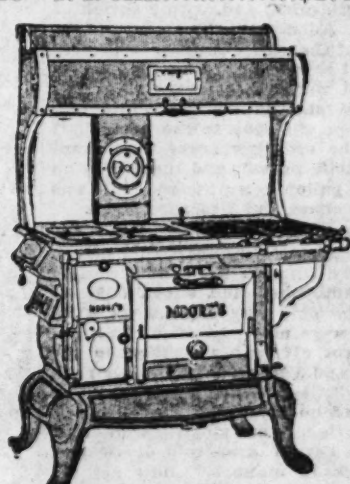
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# "LOVE VERSUS WINE," STORY OF THE WILES OF A WOMAN SPY

Continued from Preceding Page.

were alone. She took the bottle, and, pouring out a glass of wine, touched it to her lips and handed it to me, with this toast:

"Drink, my Sergeant. Drink to our betrothal. Drink to the honor of France. Drink to the honor of England. Drink to the confusion of our enemies."

"I drank with my fool heart pounding against my ribs. Then blackness."

"When I awoke I was lying on the settee, my head bursting with pain. The gray dawn was filtering through the curtained windows, and there, in the middle of the room, with my Adrienne in his arms, stood a Captain of uhlans. I was a prisoner. I saw it all in a flash. She had betrayed me. Now I knew why she had wanted no guard posted. That wine we pledged our troth in was drugged. What an ass I had been!"

"I closed my eyes and pretended to be asleep. They were talking in German. Pretty soon the Captain came over and roughly shook me. I only grunted. With an exclamation of disgust, he called out in German. Two troopers came in, and, lifting me by the shoulders and feet, carried me out into the air. I slightly opened my eyes, and saw that I was being carried out to the gate, where two horses were standing with their reins thrown over a hitching post. By the equipment, I knew one of the horses belonged to the Captain, while the other was the orderly's. The two troopers dumped me down on the road, one giving me a kick with his boot. I was lying on my left side, and by a certain hard pressure on my ribs I knew they had neglected to search me. That pressure was my automatic pistol. A feeling of exultation rushed over me. I would sucure them yet."

"Fate worked into my hands. A hall in German came from the stables, and one of the troopers left to answer it. The odds were even, one against one. I slowly turned over on my face, as if in sleep, and my fingers grasped the butt of the automatic, but just then I heard steps on the gravel walk. The Captain and Adrienne were coming toward me."

"She stopped beside me, and said in English:

"You poor, English fool! Make love to me, will you? Good-by, my foolish Sergeant. While you are rotting in prison, think of your Adrienne, bah!"

"My hand gave the butt of my automatic just the slightest squeeze. I was thinking of her hand on my shoulder. Well, two could play that game."

"The Captain said something to the orderly, who left in the direction of the house. Now was my chance. Spring to my feet and leveling the pistol at the Captain, I grabbed the reins of his horse from the post and mounted. The orderly came running toward me, yelling out in German, and I could see soldiers emerging from the stable. I had to act quickly."

"When I mounted, the Captain reached for his revolver. I covered him with mine, and, with a shriek of terror, Adrienne threw herself in front of the uhlans Captain to protect him. I saw her too late. My bullet pierced her left breast, and a red smudge showed on her white silk blouse as she sank to the ground. I shot the orderly's horse to prevent immediate pursuit and then away on a mad gallop down the road. It was a long chase, but I escaped them."

The rest of my men were captured. At our headquarters I had to lie like a trooper. Told them we had been ambushed and wiped out. It was the only way to save my skin. There were no witnesses against me, so I got off with reduction to the ranks and a transfer to another regiment. They smelled a rat, all right, but had no proof."

"So that is my story, Tank. Just forget that I ever told it to you. Enough to make a fellow get the blues occasionally, isn't it? Just pass me a tag and take that look off your face."

I gave him the cigarette, and, without a word, went out of the dug-out, and left him alone. I was thinking of Adrienne."

The title of the next story in this series is "CHRISTMAS IN A DUG-OUT."

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**PIONEER DINNER TO OPEN STATE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

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The Missouri Centennial Celebration will be inaugurated by a pioneer dinner at the Daniel Boone Tavern, Columbia, Mo., Jan. 8. A special car from St. Louis will take representatives of the Missouri Centennial Committee of 1900 and of the Missouri Historical Society to Columbia.

Persons interested in the celebration are invited to join the trip to Columbia. Applications should be made to Charles F. Hatfield, secretary and general manager of the Conventions and Publicity Bureau of St. Louis, Commercial Building, the round trip, including all expenses, will be approximately \$15.

Among the speakers will be Walter B. Stevens, president of the Missouri Historical Society; Bishop D. S. Tuttle, the Hon. William R. Painter of Jefferson City; E. N. Hopkins of Lexington, the Hon. Cornelius Roach of Jefferson City; Mrs. George A. Still of Kirksville; Archbishop J. J. Glennon, Capt. John B. White of Kansas City; Judge John F. Phil-

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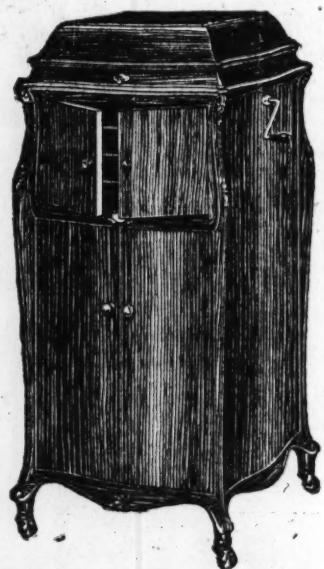
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C. Lang, 77, 5319 S. 7th; cystitis.  
Corina Price, 74, 5156 S. 7th; carcinoma.  
T. Hippe, 70, 1210 North Market; pneumonia.  
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Adeline Wagner, 79, St. Ann's Hospital; nephritis.  
C. Ziska, 42, 2632 Natural Bridge; tuberculosis.  
Elder Grayson, 51, 8000 Easton; enteritis.  
Mary Wiesing, 70, 1439 O'Fallon; pneumonia.  
G. Meadson, 50, 104 N. 8th; erysipelas.  
Arthur, 28, 2003 Chestnut; pneumonia.  
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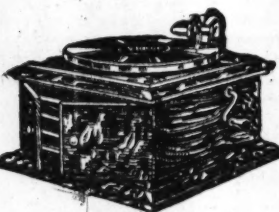
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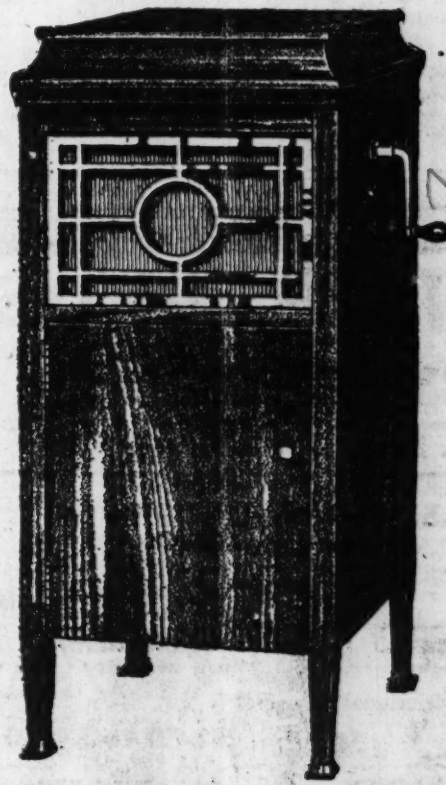
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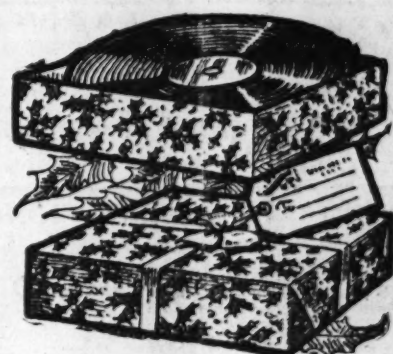
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## TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY HEADS TO DISCUSS FUND SHORTAGE

Directors Call Meeting for Tuesday Evening Part of Work May Be Curtailed.  
The St. Louis Tuberculosis Society is behind last year in its Christmas seal campaign. A special meeting of the board of directors has been called for Tuesday to definitely set before the public the work the society has before it.  
The Rev. John W. Day, acting president in the place of Capt. Hugh McK. Jones, now in the United States service, states that unless the results are much greater during the coming week the organization will not be able to carry out its war program and probably will have to curtail some of its regular work.  
George W. Simmons, manager of the southwestern division of the American Red Cross, and Alfred Fairbank, director of civilian relief, have written to all of the Red Cross chapters in this division, urging them to purchase seals.  
The Tuberculosis Society is selling seals in the postoffices, and has headquarters at Seventh and Locust streets, where daily lectures are given in educating the public along health lines.

## Visit Post-Dispatch Plant.

About 100 members of the Union Electric Light and Power Co. Welfare Association visited the Post-Dispatch Building yesterday afternoon and were escorted through the various departments. The party was in charge of C. H. Douglas, chairman of the Educational Committee of the organization.

## W. F. BUDER GETS NEW JOB

William F. Buder was appointed as chief deputy assessor under Louis Wollbrink, who took office last Tuesday. Buder is a brother of Election Commissioner Oscar E. Buder and

of G. A. Buder, president of the German-American Press Association. He has been for more than two years a clerk in the Election Commissioners' office.  
The salary of the Deputy Assessor is \$2500 a year. As an election clerk Buder's pay was \$4 a day.

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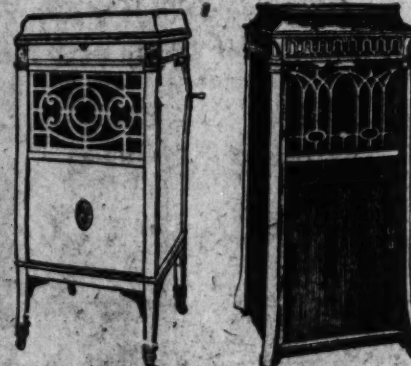
If the phonograph has a tone, every voice and instrument will naturally be reproduced with that particular tone. There are hundreds of phonographs on the market. All claim perfection, but only Edison offers proof. All artists who sing for the New Edison willingly sing in test with the New Edison because it re-creates the original tone of the artists and will bear comparison.

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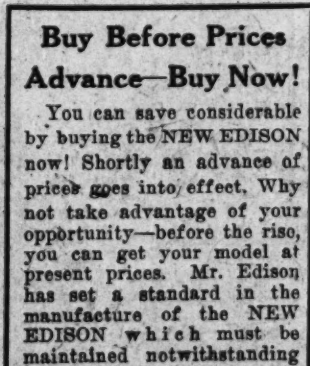
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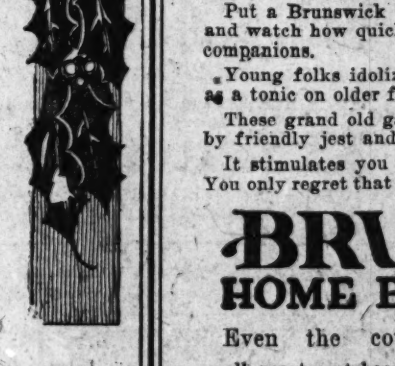
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A gift that the housewife will appreciate—a gift that will save her many hours of back-breaking work. We have practically every standard make of Vacuum Cleaners. Hand-power Vacuums priced up from \$4.50—Electric-power Vacuums priced up from \$27.50.



## Smoking Stands 98c

Your choice of brass stands in satin finished brass or oxidized or wood stand, mahogany finish. All stands fitted with removable crystal ash trays.

## Tea Wagon \$14.75

Choice of mahogany, fumed oak or American walnut; rubber tired wheels; removable glass tray.



## Dad Says: BILLIARDS

Put a Brunswick Carom or Pocket Billiard Table in your home and watch how quickly it surrounds your boys and girls with good companions.

Young folks idolize these princely contests. And Billiards acts as a tonic on older folks.

These grand old games are never twice alike, but ever enlivened by friendly jest and laughter.

It stimulates you through and through to make a skillful shot. You only regret that "Goodnights" must be said, it seems, so soon!

## BRUNSWICK HOME BILLIARD TABLES

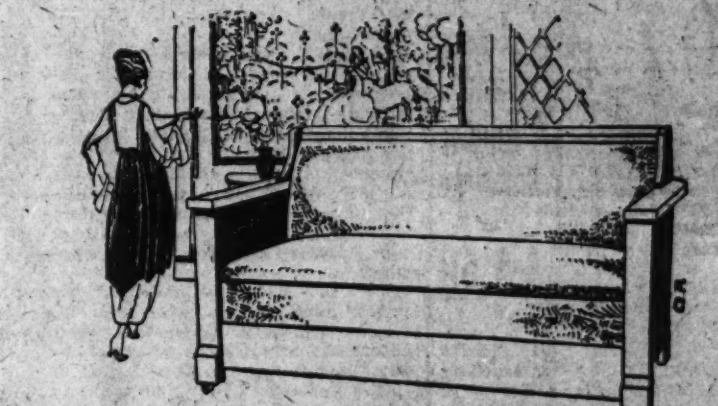
Even the cottage or small apartment has room for a real billiard table now.

The "Quick Demountable" Brunswick can be set up quickly anywhere and folded away when not in play.

## Low Prices—Easy Terms

Brunswick prices today are extremely low—only \$35 up. Our Popular Purchase Plan lets you play while you pay. With every table we give a

high-class set of Balls, Cues, Rack, Markers, etc. Come in and see the beautiful designs; test their life, speed and accuracy.



## Davenette Special, \$27.75

A truly remarkable value, just like illustration—finely constructed with full spring seat and back. High polished mahogany finish; upholstered in brown Spanish or black imperial leather.



## For Mother's Christmas— HOOSIER Kitchen Cabinet

A Hoosier Cabinet will fill all the days with Christmas joy. The forty labor-saving features of the Hoosier will save mother miles of steps and hours of work. There is nothing else in all the world that will really lighten mother's burden like a Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet. One dollar a week, for just a few weeks, will buy a Hoosier.

## Hellrung & Grimm

9th & Washington Ave.

16th & Cass Ave.

Credit Terms Granted

Liberty Bonds Good as Money



**'SILENT JIM' SMITH'S WILL FILED**

Three Women Claim Share of Millionaire Farmer's Estate.  
ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 15.—The will of the late James M. Smith (Silent Jim) has been probated in common form and admitted to record in the Ordinary's Court of Agglethorpe County, Lexington, to be probated in solemn form in January, 1918.

Caveats were filed by Mrs. Emma Eaton of Kansas City, who claims to be the daughter of the millionaire farmer, his only child, and by Mrs. Nancy Nash of Texas, and Mrs. Besie Hattline of Wilkes County, who claim relationship among the line of the alleged Phoebe Bonbright heirs. Hearings will be held Jan. 7.

**TO STOP A PERSISTENT, HACKING COUGH**

The Best Remedy Is One You Can Easily Make at Home. Cheap, but Very Effective.

Thousands of people not really healthy in every other respect, are annoyed with a persistent hacking-on cough year after year, disfiguring their sleep and making life disagreeable. It is so needless—there is an old home-made remedy that will end such a cough easily and quickly. Get from any druggist "2 1/2 ounces of Pinex" (60 cents' worth), pour it into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Begin taking it at once. Gradually but surely you will notice the phlegm thin out and then disappear altogether, thus ending a cough that you never thought would end. The use will usually break up an ordinary throat or chest cold, and for bronchitis, croup, whooping cough and bronchial asthma there is nothing better. It tastes pleasant and keeps perfectly. Pinex is a most valuable concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, and is used by millions of people every year for throat and chest colds with splendid results. To avoid disappointment, ask your druggist for "2 1/2 ounces of Pinex," with full directions, and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

**Boys' Arctic Outfits**

Rubber Hat, Coat and Boots, Complete for \$4.50

Misses' Blue Silk Waterproof Capes... \$2.50  
**DAY RUBBER CO.**  
415 N. Fourth St.  
"Buy From 'DAY' Today"

**CLOTHING ON CREDIT**

Special Xmas Presents  
**\$100 DOWN \$1 A WEEK**  
Clothing for Men, Women and Children  
Open Every Evening Until 9 O'clock

**STAR CREDIT CLOTHING CO.**  
713 WASHINGTON AVE.  
OVER CONRAD'S GROCERY

Stop Waste of Money  
This Model \$200 Value Only  
**\$140**  
Superior Quality, Distinctive Pure Tone.

**GRANDTROLA**  
The Tone Excels  
Hear the Grandtrola, the perfect instrument, at popular prices—\$25, \$35, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$150. Plays all disc records.  
Easy Payments  
Open Evenings  
Murmans Phonograph Co.  
Olive 1949, 1515 Olive St.

**STATE RAILROAD CHIEFS DESIRE TO HOLD AUTHORITY**

Commissioners Object to Federal Regulation Which Would Cancel Their Power.

WASHINGTON HEARING

Successful Management by U. S. Would Lead to Public Ownership, It Is Declared.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Representatives of State Railway Commissions were heard again today before the Congressional Joint Railroad Committee and all joined in objecting to any system of regulation which did away with the state commissions. Chairman I. R. Miller of the Minnesota commission, declared that state organizations being more closely in touch with local situations were more capable of doing justice. "If you take the power away from the state commissions, the poor man is out," said he.

Charles E. Elmquist, a former member of the Minnesota Commission, declared that if the Government took over control of railroads as a war emergency and eliminated the local commissions, it would draw protests from the country.

Trend Toward Socialism. "If the Government takes over the railroads," he said, "it should do so with the understanding that it will continue to act with the assistance and organizations of local and state boards."

Elmquist pointed out the trend towards Socialism manifested throughout the country and added: "If the Government succeeds in operating the railroads satisfactorily and gives better service and transportation at less cost, all agree that it will foment a spirit favoring public ownership."

Mills declared the railroads seemed to have the ear of the newspapers, while Representative Sims of Tennessee, recently made chairman of the House Interstate Commerce Committee, flatly declared news sent out from Washington was biased in favor of the railroads. "I have noticed in some particular instances in which I have had opportunity to personally know what happened," said Representative Sims, "news sent away from here by the Associated Press and other news agencies favorable to the railroads is fully and fairly presented while there is a mere mention of anything antagonistic to them. It seems to me this matter has got to the point where it has affected the public mind very generally and that the public mind is not really well informed on what is taking place either before the courts, state commissions, Interstate Commerce Commission or to the committees in Congress except in a one-sided way."

Statement by Sims. Later Representative Sims, in response to the request for specimens of such dispatches as he referred to, gave this statement to the Associated Press: "If what I said before the committee this morning as reported makes it appear that the Associated Press sent out garbled or unfair statements as to what took place before committees and other official bodies in reference to railroads it is erroneous and will be corrected by me before the name is printed. For I know of no such particular instance."

"As a general rule the railroad side has been more generally discussed and reported in the magazines and the newspapers than has the other side to such an extent that the public is better informed of the position of the railroads, of the character of the legislation proposed and their arguments in support of legislation sought by them than has the other side."

"But I do not mean to insinuate that the Associated Press or other news agencies have had any other motive than to faithfully and fairly report the proceedings of these several bodies. And if what I said conveys any other idea, it was erroneous and will not appear in the printed records."

The impression is growing that President Wilson will settle the question of how the Government is to deal with the railroad question about Monday.

In considering the appointment of a Federal administrator, or director, it is understood several names have been discussed without any indication that the President is preparing to select one of them.

Secretary Lane, whose knowledge of railroad questions is well known because of his service on the Interstate Commerce Commission, Associate Justice Brandeis of the Supreme Court, former Justice Charles E. Hughes and Secretary McAdoo are among those who have been mentioned.

**BATHROBE USED AS LIFE NET**  
DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 15.—Miss Julia Tate of Waco, Mrs. Elsie Eldridge and her 2-year-old daughter narrowly escaped death when an early morning fire destroyed their home, 2121 North Harwood street. A bathrobe, stripped from a man watching the fire, was used as a life net. Mrs. Eldridge threw her 2-year-old baby out of a window; it was caught in the bathrobe. Mrs. Eldridge then jumped. Miss Tate followed. The only one injured was Miss Tate. She suffered minor bruises. The home was destroyed.

**Lindell**  
DRY GOODS CO.**\$1.75 Luxor**

Box, \$1.25  
Luxor Gift Box, containing 1 box of 10 Luxor soap, 1 box of 10 Luxor toilet paper, 1 box of 10 Luxor cream, 1 box of 10 Luxor soap.

**Perfumes**

50c  
Florianna Perfume, in fancy bottles and gift boxes; special, per bottle, 50c.

**\$2.00 Scarfs**

\$1.25  
Women's Scarfs of pretty, soft Anzora in many bright shades and combinations.

**Military Brushes**

\$1.50 Values  
85c  
Military Brushes—ebony back; excellent for shaving; special, pr. 85c.

**Fancy Baskets**

49c, 59c, 69c and 79c  
Palm grass Baskets to be trimmed and used for sewing and candy baskets.

**Girls' Rain Outfits**

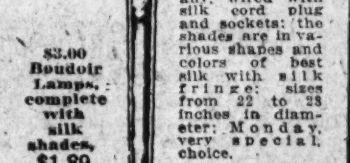
\$3.50  
Coat, Cap or Hat and Tan or Navy; sizes 6 to 16 years. In Christmas box.

**Xmas and New Year POSTCARDS**

Large assortment of Holiday Postal Cards, 12 for 9c

**Floor Lamps**

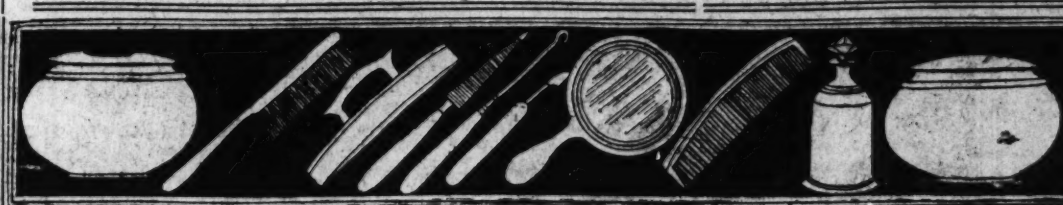
Values to \$15.00  
The stands are tall and finished in rich mahogany; silk cord plug and sockets; the shades are in various shapes and colors of best silk with fringe; sizes from 22 to 28 inches in diameter; Monday, very special choice.

**\$8.95**

27 inches wide; variety of patterns; Monday, per yard, 1.00

**\$1.98**

27 inches wide; variety of patterns; Monday, per yard, 1.98

**White Ivory for Xmas Gifts**

Come here if you want to select from a large assortment, and you'll be amazed at the wonderful values we are offering. Free—One script initial with each piece, over 10c.

Ivory Clocks Wonderful assortment of styles; \$2.98 values. <b>\$2.25</b>	Ivory Mirrors, round or bonnet shape... <b>\$1.25 to \$5.00</b>	Ivory Buffers at 35c to 98c	Ivory Toothbrush Cylinders Special, each. <b>25c</b>
Ivory Trays 35c to \$3.75 Ivory Alarm Clocks \$1.75 values. <b>\$1.25</b>	Ivory Hairbrushes, <b>\$1.25 to \$6.50</b>	Ivory Cold Cream Jar, 58c to <b>\$1.25</b>	Ivory Mirrors \$3.50 val., ea. <b>\$2.98</b>
Ivory Powder Boxes and Hair Receivers... <b>89c to \$2.50</b>	Ivory Dressing Combs, 19c to <b>89c</b>	Ivory Jewel Cases at 39c to <b>\$3.45</b>	Ivory Hair Receivers Only a small lot to sell at, each. <b>79c</b>
Ivory Picture Frames, 25c to <b>\$2.00</b>	Ivory Picture Frames and Jewel Case Combination, specially priced, each... <b>\$5.00</b>	Ivory Shoe Lifts, each, 10c to <b>69c</b>	
Ivory Salve Jars, 25c to <b>50c</b>	Brush and Comb Sets; excellent ivory brush; special, \$2.50		
Ivory Manicure Pieces, each, 10c to <b>50c</b>	\$29.50 Colonial Gold Toilet Sets, consisting of 14 pieces; special, set... <b>\$24.50</b>		
Ivory Perfume Bottles, 25c to <b>\$1.98</b>			

**SALE OF GIFT HANDKERCHIEFS**

Women's Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs, in a range of pretty tints, at... **25c**  
Children's Handkerchiefs in an assortment of fancy colored embroidery; 3 for 50c  
Men's Handkerchiefs in either plain white or with an initial. Special, each... **12c**  
Women's plain white Handkerchiefs with fancy embroidered designs, each... **25c**

Children's Handkerchiefs, in fancy boxes, at... **10c, 15c, 25c**  
Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, with beautiful colored borders, **50c**  
Boys' Initial Handkerchiefs, in a great assortment... **25c**

**TOYS, Priced at Great Savings Here**

75c Mechanical Trains: complete and track... **59c**  
25c Mechanical Train Outfits: large track, engine, cars, tender and tunnel... **\$1.50**  
\$1.75 Footballs: large genuine Rubber... **\$1.25**  
Extra Large Machine and Anti-Aircraft Guns... **\$1.45**



50c Boys' Velocipedes, with rubber tires, adjustable seats... **\$1.98**  
\$2.00 Boys' Tricycles: with adjustable seats... **\$4.98**  
\$1.00 Furniture Sets: 4 large pieces... **75c**



12.5c Slats: steering kind, with steel flexible runners... **95c**  
Filled Xmas Stockings, 10c to **98c**  
White Enamelled Beds, Cradles and High Chairs: choice... **25c**  
75c Flash Lights: complete with batteries... **59c**  
\$1.75 Foot Tables: with ball and cone... **\$1.19**



12.5c Rocking Horses: large size, in bright colors, with sliding seats... **89c**  
\$1.00 Educational Spelling Boards, with sliding letters... **69c**  
Solid Oak Desk Chair Sets: with desk, chair, and stool... **\$3.98**  
All kinds of fine mahogany, English Plane, and Cherry Chests... **45c**



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**\$3 Mercerized Pattern Cloths, \$2.19**  
PATTERN Cloths, circular patterns—67x71 inches—highly mercerized. Permanent finish—looks as pretty as all linen; on sale Monday at...  
\$1.00 Mercerized Homestitch Pattern Cloth: 58x71; highly mercerized; each... **\$1.25**  
\$2.50 Mercerized Sealed Round Pattern Cloth: 64x63; Monday... **\$1.75**  
\$2.00 Mercerized Pattern Cloth: 64x63; highly mercerized; each... **\$2.29**  
\$2.50 Mercerized Bleached Table Damask: 70 inches wide; extra heavy weight; variety of patterns; per yard... **\$1.59**  
\$2.50 Mercerized Bleached Table Damask: 70 inches wide; variety of patterns; per yard... **69c**  
Up to \$2.50 Bedspreads: Marquise patterns; extra large sizes as well as the regular sizes for double beds... **\$1.98**  
27 inches wide; variety of patterns; Monday, per yard... **1.00**  
\$2.50 Mercerized Bleached Table Damask: 70 inches wide; variety of patterns; Monday, per yard... **39c**  
27 inches wide; variety of patterns; Monday, per yard... **1.00**

**Second Floor Specials—Sale of Remnants**  
32-inch Dress Gingham—manufacturer's short lengths—Monday, yd... **12c**  
25c Chamois, Gingham; 27 inches wide, in various stripes, check and plain colors; lengths to 3 yards; per yard... **15c**  
25c 36-inch Heavy Bleached Shaker Flannel—slight seconds; yard... **19c**  
25c and 36c Percales: 56 inches wide, dark and light patterns; manufacturer's short lengths; yard... **9c**

**Jewelry**

Xmas Specials  
GOLD top jewelry, each piece in a satin lined lavender colored box. In the assortment are cuff links, circle pins, bar pins, brooches and many other useful articles. Especially adapted for gifts. The usual price is \$3.00. Special price... **39c**

Mesh Bags, \$1.50, \$2.98 and... **\$2.75**  
Bracelets, gold shell... **\$2.98**  
Sterling Silver Dorian Boxes... **\$1.98**  
Novelty Chains, 98c, \$2.39  
Pearl Beads... **\$1.50**  
Bracelet Watches... **\$5.00**  
Ear Rings in a great assortment; up to 15.50c  
Sole gold in Valieres, \$1

**Women's \$1.50 Union Suits**

WOMEN'S fine ribbed fleeced lined cotton Union Suits, high neck and long sleeves or Dutch neck and elbow sleeves; ankle length. Slight irregularities... **98c**

**Needlework**

BEAUTIFUL hand-embroidered model pieces. All to be sold at 1/2 price Monday. There are 12 pieces of needlework, centerpieces, pillow tops, aprons, etc. All 1/2 Price

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# Ready for the Test

Everything for the Convenience of Our Patrons---Carry Small Packages if Possible

## Early Morning Specials

**On Sale 10 o'clock Only**  
At the address on phone or mail orders, none to dealers.

**7c Swift's Pride**  
On sale until 11 o'clock only.

**\$1.25 Ouija Board**  
The original Egyptian Ouija board, extra large size—on sale until 11 o'clock.

**25c Tintograph**  
The lightning color artist tinting in natural tints—on sale until 11 o'clock.

**\$5.00 Silk Petticoat**  
JERSEY top and all-taffeta of fine quality—in all best colors—on sale until 11 o'clock.

**00 Embroidered cases**  
MADE of splendid quality hemstitched—embroidered designs. On sale until 11 o'clock, pair.

**To \$1.25 Felt Slippers**  
CHILDREN'S Felt Slippers—Comfy—fur-trimmed—“Puss in Boots” effects—wide range of sizes—for adults and children, pair.

**Men's 75c Tie**  
BEAUTIFUL assortment—Neckwear, in all colors.

**Men's 50c Silk**  
PRETTY Silk Ties for sale in pretty day boxes—special quality.

**EXTRA—Handkerchiefs**  
300 DOZEN women's fine quality Handkerchiefs with fancy colored embroidered designs in the corner at the special price of **29c** for 6.

**Stationery Savings**  
500 BOXES of Eaton, Crane & Pike's high-grade Writing Paper—24 sheets and 24 envelopes. Until 11 o'clock only, at the special price **19c**.

**Silk Purses**  
CHILDREN'S changeable Silk Purses with leather strap handle—fitted with inside mirror. Until 11 o'clock **19c**.

**\$3.50 Leather Purses**  
GIN seal strap-back Purses, with silk linings—in several attractive styles, **\$2.48**.

**\$1.25 Nightgowns**  
WOMEN'S pink flannelette Nightgowns, high neck, long sleeves, fully embroidered, all sizes 15 to 17; special **85c**.

**\$1.25 and \$1.50 Socks**  
MEN'S all-silk Socks, double heel and toe, very elastic at top, colors black and white, slight irregularities of \$1.25 and \$1.50 quality.

**69c Damask**  
EMBROIDERED satin damask—58 inches wide—floral, dot and stripe designs; per yard **33c** (Street Floor).

**16 1/2c Muslin**  
UNBLEACHED Muslin, extra heavy quality—full 36 inches wide; full pieces; yard **12 1/2c** (Street Floor).

## WANT CHRISTMAS SALES!

to \$8.98—Fresh—New  
**Chris Blouses**

**\$2.90 3.90 4.90**

**LOVELIEST** quette crepes, crepe de chins, silk laces and entirely new models that would be priced regular deal more. Choice of all the new suit shades, flesh, maize, bisque, tea rose and coral. 34 to 46. Christmas Boxes.

## Wonderful Christmas Furs

offer, usually during January clearance sales. All highest-grade sets. All fully guaranteed. All newest

**25% Off**

**DELL COUPON**  
Other Big Sensation  
**2-Ten-Quart Kettle**  
**95c**

**\$3.95**

**\$1.75 Storm Serge**  
BLACK All-Wool Storm Serge—shrunken and sponged; 54 in. wide; yard **\$1.29**

**\$3.50 Jersey Cloth**  
ALL-WOOL Jersey cloth, pure dye, good firm weight, navy only—54 inches wide. **\$2.45**

## Sale of Xmas Stationery

**CRANE'S** Linen Lawn, Dresden white, with red, white and blue narrow border. Regular **69c**

**75c Stationery**  
CRANE'S Highland Linen, envelopes are black and white striped lined. Regular 75c box **50c**

**50c Stationery**  
WHITE & WYCKOFF'S Autocrat Linen, in lavender and light green tints. Regular 50c. **39c**

**25c Stationery**  
CHILDREN'S Mother Goose Decorated Writing Paper and Party Invitations. Regular value 25c. **19c**

## Kimonos

WOMEN'S flannelette and crepe Kimonos in light and dark colors—all sizes up to 44 bust measure. Neatly trimmed with satin ribbon. Prices range **\$1.50 to \$2.50**

WOMEN'S Blauk Robes in light and dark colors; neatly trimmed with satin; all sizes up to 44 bust measure. Prices range **\$3.25 to \$6.50**

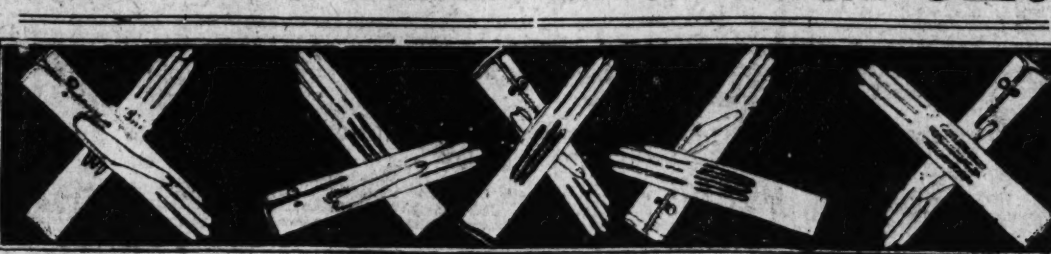
WOMEN'S Fancy White Aprons, lace and embroidered—some finished with large pockets. Prices range **25c to 75c**

## Leather Goods

**SAMPLE** Hand Bags and Purses—only one of a kind and only 20 in the lot.

**Regular \$15.00, \$12.00 and \$10.00 Values**  
**\$7.50, \$6, \$5**

## Gloves---THE Practical Gift



**Women's to \$2.00 Kid Gloves.**  
WOMEN'S Genuine Kid Gloves with two clasps and over-sewn seams in white only with black or white embroidered backs. Washable Kid Gloves in champagne with two-tone embroidered backs. All sizes, pair. **\$1.65**

**Chamois Gloves**  
Pair, **98c**

**Mocha Gloves**  
Pair, **\$1.75**

**Jersey Gloves**  
Pair, **59c**

**Children's Lined Gloves**  
CHILDREN'S Fleece-Lined Gloves and Mittens with clasp at wrist; come in tan and gray. Specially priced. **48c**

## Most Wonderful Assortment of Women's and Misses' Hosiery for Holiday Gifts

**Women's All-Silk Stockings**  
WOMEN'S All-Silk Stockings—in a wonderful assortment of colors and white and black—pointed heels, size 8 1/2 to 10; like tops; pair **\$1.50**

WOMEN'S Embroidered Silk Stockings; high spliced heel and toe, colors black and white; sizes 8 1/2 to 10; pair **\$1.50**

WOMEN'S Silk Stockings, in a variety of colors and black-and-white; garter top; sizes 8 1/2 to 10; pair **\$1.25**

WOMEN'S Boot-Silk Stockings, in a large variety of colors and black-and-white; sizes 8 1/2 to 10; high spliced heel and toe; pair **80c**

WOMEN'S Mercerized Silk Stockings; high spliced heel and toe; sizes 8 1/2 to 10; pair **50c**

WOMEN'S Black Silk Stockings; high spliced heel and toe; slight irregularities of \$1.50 quality **\$1.00**

WOMEN'S Black and White Silk Stockings; high spliced heel and toe; slight irregularities of \$1.50 quality **65c**

WOMEN'S Mercerized Socks; in a large variety of colors and black and white; double heel and toe; 3 for \$1.50; pair **35c**

WOMEN'S Silk Socks; in a variety of colors and black and white; double heel and toe; slight irregularities of 75c quality; pair **49c**

**CHILDREN'S Fine Ribbed Lisle**  
Thread and Mercerized Stockings; colors black and white and tan; regular 25c quality **25c**

**MEN'S MERCERIZED SOCKS**, in plain colors and fancy styles—double heel and toe—sizes 10 to 11 1/2. **25c**

## SPLENDID SHIRTS for a MAN'S GIFT

**MEN'S \$1.35 well-made Shirts, of madras, percale, reps and solid colored fabrics.** Any man will be delighted to receive one of these shirts as a gift. Come in all sizes. **89c**

**65c and 75c Silk Neckwear**  
THERE is not a Tie in the lot that would sell regularly for less than **42c**

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SPLendid for wear on chilly days. Made of heavy-weight flannelette—come in gray and tan—all sizes. **82c**

**Men's \$5.00 Bath Robes—sale at \$3.95**  
**Men's \$6.50 Bath Robes—sale at \$5.00**  
**Men's pure Silk Shirts—special Monday, \$4.95**

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**Slippers for the Entire Family Included in This Sale**

**WE are going to make quick disposition of our entire stock of Christmas Slippers during this week, and advise those who intend selecting this popular gift item, to take advantage of this great sale tomorrow.**

**Women's \$1.25 Felt Slippers**  
**89c**

**Women's Felt Comfys**  
**\$1.29**

**Traveling Slippers**  
**57c**

**COME** in Oxford gray with elk soles; trimmed with red, pink, blue or lavender ribbons; all sizes.

**MADE** of fine quality felt with soft kid soles, in colors black, Oxford gray, brown, blue or old rose; all sizes.

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**FOR** Father or Brother we are showing Felt Slippers, all kinds of Leather Slippers and Indian moccasins, ranging in prices from **\$1.45 to \$2.75**

## Women's \$3.50 to \$5 Shoes \$2.85

**2000** pairs of novelty and staple shoes, consisting of gray or brown kid with cloth tops to match, patent or vel kid with white kid or white cloth tops, also patent, dull or gunmetal with kid or cloth tops, lace or button style, high or low heels; come assorted on tables in sizes for quick choosing, at **\$2.85**

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**\$1.50**

Women's washable camisoles, hand embroidered and hem-stitched, all sizes up to 44 bust measure.

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## Boudoir Caps

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A wonderful assortment of boudoir caps, made of satin, or crepe de chine, lace and trimmed in all the latest colors.

(Second Floor)

## Cedar Chests

**\$18.00 Value**  
**\$13.85**

A SPECIALLY purchased lot of 25 Cedar Chests—large size—heavily constructed—18 inch cedar, trimmed with two bands of copper—45 inches long, 18 inches high and 18 inches wide—lock on every chest.

## Stationery

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24 sheets of Eaton, Crane & Pike Writing Paper and Envelopes to match—packed in a neat box and stationery monogrammed free, in gold, silver or Royal blue.

**39c**

## Ebony Mirrors

**59c to \$1.98**

Florence Ebony Mirrors—round or bonnet shape—specially priced—59c to \$1.98.

(Street Floor)

## Velvet Bags

**\$2.25 to \$4.98**

Women's Velvet Hand Bags, with tassel, assorted styles. On sale—special price—on day.

(Street Floor)

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Experts do our repairing, and when we fix your watch we guarantee our work to be satisfactory in every way.

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Regular price \$1.50. Watch Cleaning \$1.25. Watch price \$1.50. New Jewel \$1.50. Watch Crystal, 15c.

**89c**

## BARRACKS BAND TO PLAY AT MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS FETE

**Patriotic and Religious Note to Be in Holiday Observance in Twelfth Street.**

## PANTOMIME TO BE GIVEN

**Flags of America and Allies to Be Unfurled in Course of Celebration.**

There will be both a patriotic and a religious note in the observance of Christmas at the big tree in Twelfth street. Three thousand soldiers in uniform and a military band from Jefferson Barracks will have a part in the celebration, which also will include the unfurling of flags of the countries at war with Germany, and the playing of their national anthems.

The religious touch will be given to the exercises by the presentation of an English pantomime, "The Nativity," depicting the birth of the Savior. A hundred players will appear in this pantomime. The principals will be amateur performers from the Community Theater. The costumes of evergreen and various-colored electric lamps will stand on the east side of Twelfth street about 50 feet south of St. Charles street. A row of smaller cedars will line each side of Twelfth street between Locust and St. Charles streets. Festoons of evergreen and various-colored electric lamps will connect these with one another and with the big tree. A large star will surmount the giant cedar. This star was donated by the Brilliant Sign Co. The Christmas tree is to be the gift of the Bell Telephone Co.

The electric illumination of the trees will be turned on at 5 p. m., Dec. 24, and the same time the chimes of Christ Church Cathedral will peal forth "Adeste Fideles," and other appropriate Yuletide melodies. The trees will be lighted each evening until Jan. 2.

There will be no formal exercises at the tree until Saturday, Dec. 23. On that day Twelfth street will be closed to street cars and vehicles between 1 and 6 p. m., to make the thoroughfare safe for the large throng that is expected to gather, as participants and spectators.

The soldiers from Jefferson Barracks and the military band will come to St. Louis at the invitation of the War Environment Committee and other local organizations, and will be the guests of the Missouri Athletic Association, the City Club and the Mercantile Club during the afternoon and evening. They will assemble around the tree at 4 p. m.

A patriotic concert will be given by the Jefferson Barracks band for 45 minutes. Several hundred members of choral organizations, including the St. Louis Pageant Choral Club, will sing carols and hymns until 6 o'clock. These singers, except those in the Pageant Choral, have been enlisted by Miss Florence Van Sicker. The singing at the tree will be under the direction of Frederick Fischer.

The pantomime will begin at 5 o'clock and will be presented on a stage near the big tree. Irving Pichel, director of the Community Theater, is rehearsing the 100 players. The costumes for the pantomime were designed by Director Pichel and are being made by members of various playground organizations.

This pantomime will portray the coming of the shepherds to the stable at Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph with the Divine Child, and the visit of the Three Wise Men. These scenes will be developed by processions, as there are to be no special sets. Special electrical effects for the pantomime have been designed by City Lighting Commissioner Branch.

After the pantomime there will be a flag demonstration. The flags of the allied nations will be shown, beginning and ending with the Stars and Stripes. As the colors of each nation are unfurled the appropriate national air will be played by the band. As finale the choral organizations and spectators will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The soldiers will then march to the three clubs of which they are to be guests at dinner and an evening entertainment. The clubs will be restricted from 6 o'clock until midnight to the use of the soldiers. Not even regular members will be admitted during these hours.

The big tree—40 feet high—will be brought with its larger fellow for the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival, from Catawissa, Mo. It already has been selected, and Director of Public Welfare Schmoll and Park Commissioner Cunliff will go next Tuesday to Catawissa to fell it.

On Sunday city officials and representatives of civic organizations will go in automobiles to Cedar Hill, on the Gravois road, to chop down the small tree needed for the Christmas court in Twelfth street. They will leave King's highway and Lindell boulevard at 8:30 in the morning. Those in the party will be Mayor Kiel, President Kinsey of the Board of Public Service, City Counselor Daines, Director Schmoll, Rodows Abeken, superintendent of recreation, Frank E. Slide, Joseph E. Rogers, G. A. Buder, E. A. Gessler, Charles Diehl, Irving Pichel, Charles Gotterman, A. S. Werremeyer and Dr. Reuben Humphrey of the Railroad Y. M. C. A.

After chopping the tree they will dine at the Cedar Hill Hotel, returning to St. Louis about 6 o'clock. The trees will be hauled to St. Louis in city trucks and wagons.

## Warning!

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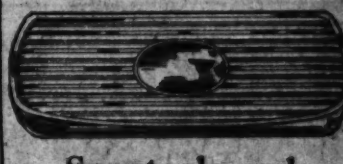
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## SALOONS URGED TO OBSERVE MEATLESS AND WHEATLESS DAYS

Women's Food Committee Sends Letters to 2000 Liquor Dealers in St. Louis

In an effort to bring saloonkeepers who are serving merchants' lunches into the meatless and wheatless program, the Women's Food Committee on Food Conservation yesterday sent letters to 2000, calling their attention to the necessity of scrupulous conservation of meats, wheat, fat and sugar. The liquor dealers are asked as a patriotic measure to introduce the system of meatless Tuesdays and Wheatless Wednesdays into their luncheon service.

The letters which are being distributed through the co-operation of Excise Commissioner Lewis, bear the signatures of Mrs. George H. Dobler, chairman of the commercial waste section of the women's committee, and W. E. Gehring, state chairman of the Food Administration Committee for St. Louis.

The letter intimates that disregard of meatless and wheatless days

will lead to a report of the situation being made to the food administrator at Washington, with the result that a licensing system will be put into effect whereby all restaurants and other places where food is served will be placed under the direct control of the food authorities.

The letter is accompanied by a pledge card to be signed and returned by the liquor dealer, and a personal letter signed by the Excise Commissioner suggesting unqualified co-operation.

## 31 STUDY PLASTIC SURGERY

Third Contingent Enters School at Washington University

The third contingent of surgeons and dentists from the Officers' Reserve Corps of the national army began its studies in oral and plastic surgery at the War Department's special school, at the Washington University Medical School, last week. The surgeons will take a course of seven weeks, compared with three for the original contingent and five for the second. The extension is due to the fact that neurology has been added to the course and the

other studies have been amplified.

Surgeons enrolled in the class are: Captains Robert J. Lynch, Erwin W. Kleinman, Frank C. Sibley, Ira Ross Clark, Frank J. Tainter, Charles M. Aves, Francis A. C. Murray, James Brew Jr., and Harry R. Storer; Lieutenants Fred F. Stocking, Clarence A. Nyvall, John A. Robinson, Miles E. Foster, John C. Thomas, De Witt Smith, Walter B. Booth, Owen P. McPherson, William P. Smith Jr., Max Bornstein, Josephus J. Sherrill, Claude J. Hunt, Robert L. Reynolds, Wallace D. Ross, Harry J. Sims, Lin J. Walker, Robert E. Strasser. Dentists are: Lieutenants Pearly M. Fugler, Ernest J. Buell, Walter D. Vail, Edward B. Lodge, Edward F. Laflitte.

## W. U. TO RAISE SERVICE FLAG

Exercises at University Wednesday Morning at 11 O'Clock

A service flag with 200 stars will be raised at Washington University Wednesday. The exercises will start at 11 a. m. Stars for only faculty members and students in active service are on the flag, although the list, including alumni members, contains

more than 300 names.

Capt. Clinton J. Massee, instructor in English at the university, now on leave of absence from Camp Funston, will deliver the address.

## LABOR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Archbishop Glennon to Speak at New Cathedral

The seventh annual labor Sunday celebration will be held at the New Cathedral, Newstead avenue and Lipdell boulevard, at 4 p. m. today. Archbishop Glennon will deliver an address on "Labor." The cathedral choir will sing.

Labor Sunday services originated with the Rev. P. P. Crane, pastor of St. Lawrence O'Toole's Church at Fourteenth and O'Fallon streets, when the first service was held in 1910 during the convention of the American Federation of Labor. Last year there were 1800 persons present.

## To Examine Naval Cadets

Lieut. Munro of the Navy, arrived in St. Louis yesterday to supervise the examination of applicants for cadetships in the Coast

Guard, which will take place at Washington University, beginning tomorrow. Applications may be made at the University tomorrow.

## Veterans Elect Officers

Officers for 1918 of Gen. Nelson Cole Camp, United Spanish War

Veterans, were chosen Friday night as follows: Joseph Nulsen, Com-

mander; Henry Frank, Senior Vice-Commander; Arnold Meyer, Junior Vice-Commander; Richard Gasta, officer of the day; Anton Euder, officer of the guard. They will be installed Jan. 10.



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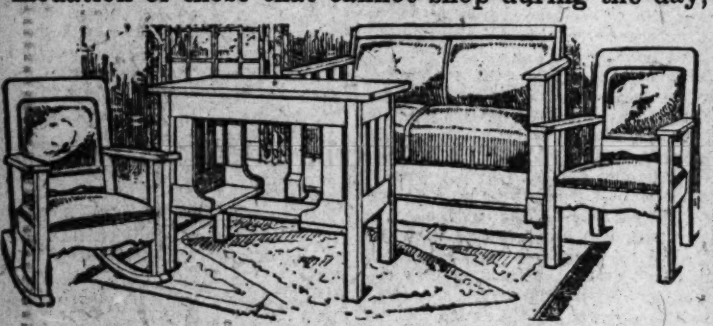
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Appropriate and useful gifts for all the family as well as complete home furnishings are being sold in this great sale at wonderful reductions. For the accommodation of those that cannot shop during the day, the store will remain open Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.



**\$75.00 4-PIECE DAVENETTE SUITES**—Consisting of Davenette, large Arm Chair, large Arm Recliner and massive library Table; fumed oak finish; sale price **\$51.75**

**\$85.00 DAVENETTE SUITE**—Golden oak; massive roll arms; upholstered with brown Spanish chaise leather over easy springs; sale price **\$59.00**

**\$67.50 2-PIECE DAVENETTE SUITE**—Fumed oak finish; Spanish chaise leather covering; sale price **\$39.75**

**\$65.00 2-PIECE DAVENETTE SUITE**—Oak and mahogany finish; sale price **\$49.75**



**\$12.50 REED ROCKERS**, **\$8.75**

Here is a very substantial and useful present for any home. Large, comfortable Reed Rocker; brown upholstered tapestry seats and back.

**\$2.25 Smoking Stands**, **\$1.45**

Handsome turned stands, with heavy bases; mahogany finish; large glass ash tray; oxidized metal trimmings.

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**\$55.00 Steel Range—Popular Make—\$33.75**

18-INCH OVEN, a wonderful cooking and baking range; white enamel black warming closet, nickel trim—**\$33.75**

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The most cozy and comfortable chair on the market. Comes in golden and fumed oak and mahogany finish; upholstered in fine chaise leather.

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Come in mahogany finish; square top and base. A specially good value at this price.

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**\$8.00 PIANO BENCHES**; mahogany finish; large music receptacle in seat **\$5.75**

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**\$10.00 TABLE-LAMP**; fumed oak finish; 50x60-in. top; sale price **\$10.75**

**\$13.50 Music Cabinet**, **\$8.75**

Beautiful polished mahogany cabinet, large size; plenty of space for music. An exceptionally good value at this price.

**\$35 JAPANESE DECORATED Piano Lamp**, **\$19.85**

Beautiful round stem, Japanese lacquered; handsomely decorated; large silk-lined Pagoda-style shade. Complete with cord and socket.

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Turned mahogany bases, with fancy lined silk shades; colors rose, blue and gold. Complete with cord and socket.



**\$125 4-Piece Queen Anne Style Bedroom Suite**

In brown, mahogany and American walnut. Suite consists of bed, dresser, chest and triple mirror dressing table. **\$89.75**

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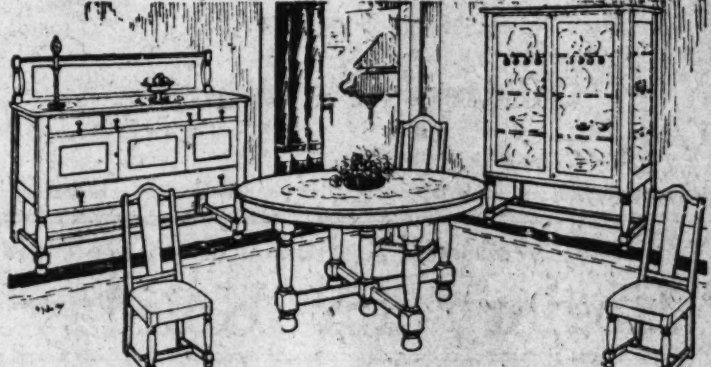
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**\$5.50 REED ROCKERS**, roll arms; large size; sale price **\$4.00**

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**\$1.50 SOLID OAK CHAIRS**, to match table; **98c**

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Meyer Schmid Gro. Co.	10.00
Wiedmann St. Louis Cigar Box Co.	2.00
John W. Heimbuecher	2.00
Chas. Gaspar	2.00
Joyce Watkins	10.00
Total	\$1209.86

E. Q. Du Pont De Nemours Powder Co., 1114, 207 N. 8th St., Wright Bldg.

C. R. Willis	\$0.50
B. R. Maloney	25 W. E. Sra
Cam. L. Grebel	25 Pearl Cox
R. A. Sinclair	50
H. T. Burch	25
Total	\$3.25

Snow-Church Adjustment Co., 1226-1227, 1228, 1229, 1230, 1231 Syndicate Trust Building.

C. R. Hinchey	\$0.50
W. B. Turner	25 Grace Wehrli
W. T. Barnes	25 Lillian Power
Julian Langan	25
C. L. Boggs	1.00
Minerva Hoy	25
Total	\$6.25

Friede Welding Co., 3129 Pine street.

J. E. Friede	\$1.00
P. H. and Dave	1.00
Chas. Monsett	1.00
Philip Reuter Jr	1.00
Total	\$9.00

## ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

T. M. Fitzgerald &amp; Co., 1602 Locust St.

H. T. Tankersley, \$5.00 T. M. Fitzgerald, 5.00

Total \$10.00

Osark Cooperage and Lumber Co., 722 Chestnut street.

J. F. Charles, \$2.00 Audit's Dept., 1.25

J. F. Charles, \$2.00 E. H. Spillmeyer, 25

H. W. Kraft, 1.00 Catherine Weber, 25

H. C. Rich, 1.00 Total \$10.75

Poussard Picture, Inc., Empress Theater Building.

Joe Deberger, \$0.25 Cecil E. Maberry, 1.00

Ethel Delbridge, 10 Clarence Sweeney, 10

Total \$1.45

Home Life Insurance Co., 207 North Eighth street.

J. K. Brown, \$0.50 Arthur Shaw, 50

Geo. J. Gahne, 50 Total \$2.25

Pillsbury Packing and Fine Brush Manufacturing Co., 608 South Third street.

H. Allen, \$0.25 E. Sullivan, 25

J. Dermiceno, 25 G. R. Gloeckler, 50

J. Miller, 25 H. Abramson, 25

S. Gentile, 25 G. Niemetz, 25

J. Koder, 25 R. Shultz, 1.00

S. Canavo, 50 Total \$4.50

Bonded Express and Transfer Co., 107 South Sixteenth street.

F. B. Rothchild, \$0.50 H. E. Engel, 50

Total \$1.00

## Auditing Department, Post-Dispatch.

Cash, \$1.00 E. R. Klingner, 50

C. M. M., 50 E. R. Klingner, 50

J. B. M., 50 M. R. B., 50

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## Southwestern Passenger Association.

1008 Century Building.

A. G., \$0.25 A. W. B., 25

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## Order of Railroad Telegraphers, 1205 Olive street.

C. B. Rawans, \$1.00 Eva L. Quick, 50

W. P. Shutt, 50 R. J. McKinnney, 50

E. A. Toster, 50 M. D. Krull, 25

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## Dr. L. W. McAnis, 412 Humboldt Building.

H. G. Gredtzer, \$1.00 Cash, 25

L. C. McAnis, 1.00 Cash, 25

Cash, 25 F. Spalsbury, 1.00

Total \$4.00

Joseph Kelly, Title Guaranty Bldg.

George Schaefer, \$0.10 Joseph Kelly, 5.00

Total \$5.10

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A comparison shows our prices much lower than those published by the Commission.

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Wreaths, Poinsettias, Holly, Ferns, Plants and Festooning  
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## Make This a Diamond, Watch, Jewelry Christmas

Why give trifling presents when the price of a box of candy will secure handsome and lasting gifts—such as a genuine Diamond Ring, La Valliere, Ear Screws, Stud, Scarf Pin, Bracelet, or a fine Watch, Wrist Watch, Emblem Ring or Charm, handsome Brooch, etc.? Never before have our stocks been so replete with exquisite things or shown more amazing values. The "high tide" of the Christmas spirit is on and not a day should be lost if you wish the handsomest, choicest things. We urge all who can do so, to shop in the morning hours, before the rush; for the convenience of those who are occupied through the day, our store is open every night until Christmas.

## Diamond Rings for Christmas Gifts

All the new designs in Diamond Rings, most of them made exclusively for us, and are of exceptional value. All mountings are solid gold.



The Loftis Seven-Diamond Cluster Ring

The diamonds are mounted so as to look like one large single stone. Handmade and most showy ring for the least amount of money.

\$50, \$75, \$100, and \$175

values are beautiful, rings hand-made, ready for presentation.

Credit Terms, \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$3.00 Per Week.

1179—Cameo Ring, 4 fine Diamonds, pink Coral Cameo, fine solid gold, \$25

\$2.50 a Month.

167—Men's Diamond Ring, 6-prong Tooth Ring, fancy carved, solid gold, polished finish, \$100

special at \$2.50 a Week

150—Marquise Ring, 14 semi-fine Diamonds, 6 prong, solid gold, \$18

\$2.50 a Month

245—Locket Top Signet Ring, fancy carved, solid gold, \$25

\$2.50 a Month

500—Diamond Ring, 14k solid gold, polished, fine Diamond, \$40

\$1 a Week.

510—Bar Pin, bright green, gold finish, silver work, 1 fine Diamond, \$25

\$2.50 a Month.

\$24 WRIST WATCH \$2.40 A MONTH

190—Wrist Watch, Full-Jewel movement, high grade, gold filled case, plain polished or engraved, guaranteed 25 years. \$24

Price for Christmas.

Can be furnished in solid gold at \$31.

Terms: \$3.10 a Month.

254—Scarf Pin, fine solid gold, silver work, bright finish, 1 cultured Pearl, 1 fine Diamond, \$10

\$1 a Month.

## CHRISTMAS

LOFTIS BROS. & CO.  
The Store of Worth-While Gifts on Credit

The Ideal Christmas Gift



Diamonds Win Hearts

## HIS GIFT TO HER

This Is the Ring SHE Wants for a Christmas Present.

The Loftis Perfection Diamond leads all other gifts. It is our great special and the most popular ring ever designed. The extraordinary value we are giving is thrilling our store and keeping our buyers busy supplying the demand.



Handsomely Cased in Ring Box, Ready for Presentation

Each diamond is selected with special reference to the widespread effect and brilliancy which characterize all our Diamonds. The beautiful 6-prong 14-k solid gold Loftis Perfection mounting embodies all the lines of delicacy and beauty with the necessary security and strength. Very extraordinary value.

SPECIAL AT \$50. TERMS \$1.25 A WEEK

## Buy Your Christmas Presents on Charge Account

Among worth-while gifts a beautiful Genuine Diamond stands paramount. It is a gift that never grows old, that never loses its original beauty, and increases in value with each passing year. The gift of a Diamond carries the highest expression of regard. Our Diamonds are distinctive in beauty and brilliancy, and our low prices and easy credit terms bring them within reach of every one.

Any Diamond purchased from us for a Christmas present may be exchanged for other selection, at the full price paid, should the recipient desire to do so later on. With this privilege you need have no anxiety in choosing gifts.

## La Vallieres for Christmas Gifts

The new design in La Vallieres are more dainty and artistic than ever. Fine wire work and delicate tracery characterizes their graceful lines. La Vallieres are among the best sellers for Christmas presents.

ONE OF THE SEASON'S LEADING FAVORITES—Extraordinary Value

Her Gift New Design

181—La Valliere, fine solid gold, scroll and openwork border, brilliant finish, delicately carved Shell Cameo, white head on pink background, fine Diamond, 15-inch chain, \$15

\$1.50 a Month

1161—La Valliere, fine solid gold, green, gold leaves, bright finish, 4 fine, brilliant Diamonds. Specially priced for Christmas. \$25

\$2.50 a Month

180—La Valliere, fine solid gold, 15-inch chain, \$25

\$2.50 a Month

## For His Gift—Diamond Stud

91—Diamond Stud, solid gold, Loftis Perfection mountings, \$40

\$4 a Month.

Loftis Perfection Diamond Scarf Pins—same price and terms.

183—Cuff Links, fine solid gold, embossed design, 2 fine Diamonds in bright cut star settings, rose gold finish. Price, \$20

\$2 a Month

403—Men's Watch, hunting case, 14 size—plain polished, assorted engraved cases, guaranteed 15 years, fitted with 17-jewel Elgin, Waltham or Illinois movement, \$22

\$2.50 a Month

## Give a Time Gift

Hunting Case \$22

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Nor is this all—There's an assortment which affords the same splendid selection as at first—The quality is just as high. You have the leading makes of the world to choose from.

Starck Pianos Are Guaranteed for 25 Years  
STORE OPEN EVENINGS TILL 9 O'CLOCK



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AT A GUARANTEED \$215 TO \$275  
SAVING OF

HERE ARE PRICES THAT WILL STAGGER YOU

PLAYER-PIANOS

\$215 \$285 \$345

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PAYMENTS LESS THAN RENT

You Get Your Piano on These Splendid Liberal Terms

30 DAYS' FREE TRIAL—NO MONEY DOWN

\$1.00 PER WEEK UP.

Free Music Lessons—Free Drayage



## Savings Just as Great—Advantages Just as Remarkable as the First Week

You will find on our floors tomorrow morning an assortment rivaling even that of the opening day of this sensational sale—and at no time have there been greater bargains.



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Corrugated Bar Co., 1409, 415 Pine St.  
 1. L. Yencovitz \$20 A. H. Pison... 25  
 Marie C. Gerwe... 25 Total... \$1.00

Susquehanna Silk Mills, 706, 508 North  
 Twelfth Street.  
 W. Baldenscher \$1.00 A. C. Buehner... 25  
 J. A. Egan... 25 Total... 2.25  
 J. J. Scherrer... 25

## Browning King & Co.

**Exceptional  
Values  
in Men's  
Neckwear**  
Regular \$1 Shapes

**50c**

The Talk of the Town!

Every color combination—every sort of design you can ask for—and they are full length and full width—just the same size as our own best \$1.00 Neckwear. An always appreciated Xmas gift to a man.

**50 Cents**

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**Men's \$2.00  
Washable  
Cape Gloves  
\$1.50**

From One of the Most Celebrated Glove Makers in the World.

Splendid Winter-weight Gloves—various shades of tan. A pair will certainly make an appreciated gift for any man.

**\$1.50**

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—the Store of Values.  
Cor. 6th & Locust

Decker Bakery, 207 North Sixth St.  
 H. B. Decker \$20 Marie Sigs... 25  
 G. Buehner... 25 Total... \$1.00

Lewis Automobile Co., Walton and  
 Washington.  
 J. D. Perry \$500 E. Rankin... 25  
 W. H. McLean... 25 Total... \$1.00

Newspaper Department, Post-Dispatch  
 Nathan Sigel \$10 Joe Oestlander... 10  
 Harry Muehler... 10 Total... \$1.00

Schumack Tailors and Gown Makers,  
 856 Century Building.  
 A. Schumack \$10 W. Davis... 10  
 Mrs. Carney... 10 Total... \$1.00

C. E. Riley Co., 608, 207 N. Eighth,  
 Wright Building.  
 G. H. Buchanan... 100  
 Richard O. Buchanan... 100 Total... \$3.00

Edmond Bonnett, M. D., Grand and  
 Park.  
 Edmond Bonnett \$100 Ethel Moore... 25  
 Total... \$1.25

Counting Room Post-Dispatch.  
 W. E. Bradley... 100  
 W. E. Bradley... 100 Total... \$1.00

Excelsior Roofing Co., 4442 Easton.  
 Ex. Roof. Co. \$100  
 Total... \$1.00

E. S. Barnard, 4th Fl., Kinloch Bldg.  
 E. S. Barnard \$100 W. R. Orthwein... 100  
 Total... \$2.00

Whitehead & Hogg Co., 906, 705 Olive.  
 S. M. Blinder... 100  
 Total... \$2.50

Clifford Roosen Brokerage Co., 423 S.  
 Seventh Street.  
 B. T. Clifford \$200 G. J. Beyer... 50  
 Edward Duerie... 50 Total... \$3.00

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., 1317  
 Pine Street.  
 L. W. Evans \$100 H. Steinmann... 25  
 J. M. Jones... 25 Total... \$1.00

T. W. White Co., 1122 Pine St.  
 O. K. White \$100 Emma T. White... 100  
 M. W. White... 100 Total... \$3.00

F. C. Weber, 4326 Olive Street.  
 F. C. Weber \$100 No Name... 50  
 V. E. Beyer... 50 Total... \$2.00

Kenfield & Esner Co. of N. Y., 517 Lo-  
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### SHORT MAN WANTS TO FIGHT

SMITH CENTER, Kan., Dec. 15  
 —Friends of Jake Lagasse of this

city claim that to him belongs the  
 belt for persistency in trying to get  
 into army service. Twice he has  
 failed at army recruiting stations.

Now, with the aid of influential  
 friends, he is trying to get the Gov-  
 ernment to let him take the place of  
 Forrest Czapansky, a married friend,

who is one of the drafted men at  
 Camp Funston. Falling in this, La-  
 gasse declares he will go to Canada  
 and try for enlistment in the Can-

adian brigade. He is 24 years old,  
 unmarried and lacks but a half inch  
 of the minimum height required for  
 soldiers.

# WOLFF-WILSON DRUG CO.

SIXTH & WASHINGTON AVE.

GET YOUR XMAS GIFT HERE FOR LESS

## Perfume Atomizers

59c \$1.39  
 79c \$1.98  
 98c \$2.25  
 \$1.19 \$2.69  
 \$1.29 \$6.75

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Nothing more acceptable than an Xmas package of favorite  
 Perfume. We have a most beautiful and varied assortment  
 of Djerkiss, Roger & Gallet's, Mary Garden, Hudnut's,  
 Piver's, Rigaud's, Mavis and Godet's Imported Perfumes and  
 Toilet Waters. Prices from... 50c to \$10.00

**\$5.00 DURHAM DUPLEX**  
 Domino Safety Razors (gold-plated),  
 complete with 6 blades. **89c**

**\$5.00 Auto-Stop Safety Razors**  
 Trench mirror, strop  
 and 12 blades. **3.98**

**HIGHEST GRADE CHOCOLATES**  
 The Exclusive  
 Agency for  
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For the Holidays  
 —in 1, 2, 3, 5 pound boxes.  
 at 90c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 per pound

HUYLER'S—in 1, 2, 3, 5 pound boxes,  
 at 70c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 per pound  
 DOLLY VARDEN—in 1, 2, 3, 5 pound boxes, at... 65c per pound  
 FENWAY'S CHOCOLATES, at... 65c, 70c and 75c per pound  
 LADY HELEN CHOCOLATE CHERRIES, at... 49c per pound  
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**PIPES 30c to \$15** SPECIAL—For the boy at the front, Briar Pipe, in leather pocket... **\$1.00**

**EL SIDELO Cigars**  
 Compartment box of two sizes.  
 This box 10 1/2 x 5 1/2  
 contains 15 10c Cigars  
 A real \$3.00 value for... **\$2.50**

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 Victorias, 10c straight size,  
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 50 box... \$4.00  
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 Sublimes, 10c straight size,  
 50 box... \$4.00  
 50 box, long size... \$4.00  
 3 for 25c size, 50 to a box... \$3.50

**FIRST CONSUL Cigars**  
 25 to a box... \$2.13  
 2 for 25c size, 25 to a box... \$2.50

**EXTRA SPECIAL**  
**El Sidel (Resagos)**  
**10 CIGARS 50c**  
 to a Box

**El Sidel Havana Cigars**  
 Made in Tampa, Fla.  
 15c size, 10 to a box... \$1.25  
 25c size, 10 to a box... \$2.25  
 10c size, 25 to a box... \$2.00  
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 35c size, 25 to a box... \$7.50  
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 20c size, 25 to a box... \$4.00  
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 Sizes: Imperial 2 for 15c Box of 25 \$1.75  
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 Aristocrats 2 for 25c Box of 25 \$2.50  
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RED DOT... 5c straight—25 can, \$1.13 Box of 50, \$2.25  
 CHARLES DENBY... 5c straight—25 can, \$1.13 Box of 50, \$2.25  
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 To Keep Your Cigars Fresh  
 Mission Oak, Cedar... \$2.19  
 Lined, \$3 value at... \$2.19  
 Mahogany Fin, Cedar... \$3.19  
 Lined, \$4.50 value at... \$3.19  
 Solid Mahogany, Porcelain  
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Teach your children  
 to save money. A  
 Cash Register Bank  
 rings up and totals the  
 amount; open auto-  
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 Special, while they  
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 The Watch which enables you to tell  
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**\$1.00 Ever Ready Safety Razors 79c**  
 WITH 10 blades  
**\$1.00 GEM SAFETY RAZORS 69c**  
 WITH 7 blades

**GILLETTE SAFETY RAZORS**  
 AT REAL CUT  
 PRICES

**\$5.00 GILLETTE**  
 Safety Razors, silver-  
 plated case, with  
 12 blades... **\$3.98**

**\$5.00 GILLETTE**  
 Bull Dog Safety Razors;  
 leather case, with  
 12 blades... **\$3.98**

**\$5.00 GILLETTE**  
 U. S. Service Set,  
 Razor, Trench Mirror,  
 12 blades... **\$4.69**

**\$6.00 GILLETTE**  
 Safety Razors, Gold-  
 plated case, with  
 12 blades... **\$4.98**

**\$6.00 Gillette Traveling Combination Sets**... \$5.29  
**\$6.00 Gillette Gold Aristocrat Ivory Case**... \$5.49  
**\$6.50 Gillette Traveling Combination Sets**... \$5.79

## \$2.00 Kitchen \$1.49 Carving Sets (6 pieces)

Made from the highest grade  
 of cutlery steel.

**Trench Mirrors**  
 All sizes; will not break, rust  
 or tarnish.  
**25c and 50c**

**Waterman Fountain  
Pens**  
 In self-fillers and latest styles.  
**\$2.50 to \$7.00**

## Hair Brushes

Large Assortment at Reduced Prices  
 Parisian Ivory Hairbrushes... \$2.98  
 Parisian Ivory Hairbrushes... \$1.98  
 Parisian Ivory Hairbrushes... \$1.49  
 Solid Ebony Hairbrushes... \$3.98  
 Solid Ebony Hairbrushes... \$2.98  
 Solid Ebony Hairbrushes... \$2.75  
 Solid Ebony Hairbrushes... \$2.49  
 \$1.75 Hughes' Ideal Hairbrushes... \$1.39  
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**Useful Gifts for the Gentlemen**  
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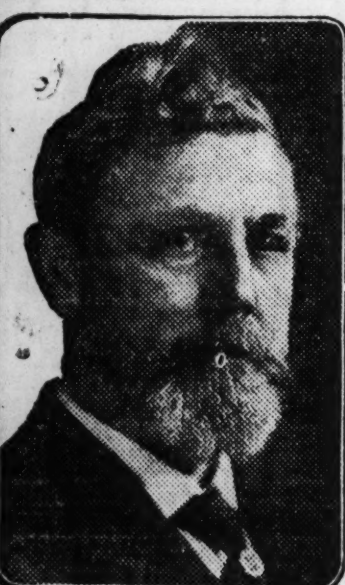
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Dr. Lewis Baker

The questions answered below are general  
 in character, the symptoms or dis-  
 eases are given and the answers will  
 apply in any case of similar nature.

Those wishing further advice free,  
 may address Dr. Lewis Baker, College  
 Bldg., College Heights, St. Louis, Mo.  
 enclosing self-addressed stamped  
 envelope for reply. Full name and ad-  
 dress must be given, but only initials or  
 fictitious names will be used in my an-  
 swers. The prescriptions can be had at  
 any well-stocked drug store. Any  
 druggist can order or wholesale.

Answer: In all such cases the assimila-  
 tive functions have not kept pace with  
 waste functions, and a powerful, harm-  
 less, tonic treatment is needed. The three-  
 grain codonema tablets unexcelled  
 and astonishingly beneficial in such  
 cases, and advise them for you.

"Laura" says: "Some time ago I con-  
 tracted a very severe cold and cough. I  
 have tried many remedies, but they do  
 not seem to help me at all. I wish you  
 would advise me what to do."

Answer: What you need is a laxative  
 cough syrup—one that will drive the  
 cold from your system. The following  
 prescription will check your cold and  
 cough: Get a 24-oz. package of con-  
 centrated essence menthe-laxative and  
 make according to directions on the bot-  
 tle. Take a teaspoonful every hour or  
 two or until your cold is better. This  
 will relieve you in a very few days.

"J. B. Baker" says: "My hair is too oily  
 and my scalp itches with dandruff, and  
 of late it is coming out too much. What  
 is a good treatment?"

Answer: Obtain plain yellow minoil  
 from your druggist in 4-oz. jars and an-  
 oint as per directions. This cleanses the  
 hair, cools and invigorates the scalp and  
 scalp, thus stopping the dandruff on the  
 hair. Dandruff and itching are at once  
 relieved. Men and women all over the  
 country now use it regularly.

NOTE: For many years Dr. Baker has  
 been giving free advice and prescriptions  
 to millions of people through the press.  
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 lieving illness and distress more  
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DR. LEWIS BAKER, DEAR SIR: We  
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 truly yours, MRS. L. L. WILSON,  
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**Priority Board.** Oscar T. Crosby, assistant secretary of the treasury, Dr. A. E. Taylor, representing the Food Administration, and Paul D. Cravath remained in London. Mr. House said, primarily to complete some details "respecting priority matters."

Mr. House paid a tribute to his fellow members of the mission in this statement:

"I wish to record my appreciation of the individual work of the members of this mission. Whatever success it has had as a force for good is due to them. In all my experience with men I have never known better and more intelligent team work. There has been no confusion of purpose, no slacking in pursuit of the objects to be obtained and there have been absolutely no personal differences or friction to retard their work. They have been amenable to both advice and suggestion and have left the impression in England and in France of men of great ability and of equally great modesty."

## LLOYD GEORGE SAYS HOUSE WON RESPECT OF ALL THE ALLIES

**Declares First Great U. S. Mission to Europe Was Big Success—Hopes to See Others.**

LONDON, Dec. 15.—When a correspondent of The Associated Press called on Premier Lloyd George with the news of the arrival in America of the House mission, the Premier authorized the following statement:

"I am very glad to learn of the return of the first great American mission to Europe. I say first because I hope it will be the prelude to many more, for the experience we have gained on this occasion has brought home to me even more strongly than before the paramount importance of ever closer and more constant association between the United States, the free democracies of Europe and the nations of the British Commonwealth, not only in the prosecution of the war, but in future contact in the world's affairs."

"The mission which has thus successfully terminated its labors was, so far as we are concerned, an unqualified success. It did not record a great deal of advertisement at the time, because Col. House was rightly insistent that it was to be first and last a business affair."

"But the fruits of its labor will be seen by all in time to come. It not only enabled the United States and the allies to co-ordinate their preparations so as to produce the maximum military effort in the shortest space of time against the common enemy, it brought fresh minds and a new perspective to bear upon the problems of the allies. Its work culminated in the first meeting of the Supreme War Council at Versailles, the outward and visible sign of new unity and new vigor in the co-operation of the great democracies of the world in their fight for the triumph of the ideals which they represent."

"To that conference President Wilson could not have sent more sagacious and useful representatives than Col. House and the other members of the mission who accompanied him. Col. House indeed has proven himself not only a worthy representative of the United States, but has won the friendship and respect of all the European allies."

**American Chosen Head of Inter-Allied Council.**

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Inter-Allied Council which is to take up questions of war purchases and finances, met in London today.

Oscar T. Crosby, Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury, was elected president.

Crosby, the only American delegate, was accompanied by Paul D. Cravath as advisory counsel. Great Britain was represented by Lieutenant-General Sir Austen Chamberlain, member of Parliament, and Baron Buckmaster, former Lord High Chancellor; France by Etienne Clementel, Minister of Commerce; Maj. Hauser, representing the Ministry of Munitions, and Paul Dixon, a deputy; Italy by Baron Desplanches and Prof. Attilio. The other allied nations will share in the deliberations of the council only as far as their particular requirements are concerned.

The council will meet alternately in London and Paris, those in this city taking place at St. James Palace. Future conferences will be attended also by the Finance Ministers of France, Great Britain and Italy. A statement issued by the council says: "This is the first permanent inter-allied body in which the United States is represented. It results from the efforts initiated by Secretary McAdoo, and has for its primary object consideration of the needs of the allied governments for purchases in the United States. Purchases in neutral countries also receive the council's consideration. A co-ordinated study of needs will be made, and when conclusions are reached the corresponding financial needs will be considered. The council's recommendations will then go to the Secretary of the United States Treasury and the allied governments concerned."

"The council will indicate the priorities desired by the respective Governments, but final decision as to priorities between these and the demands of the United States for the latter's own purposes will be made at Washington."

**KING HONORS BRITISH HEROES**

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A choral commemoration of the First Seven Divisions, the men who stemmed the German onrush in the summer and autumn of 1914, was held today in Albert Hall in the presence of King George and Queen Mary and 700 survivors of the first British expeditionary army in France.

The veterans, many of whom were wounded, first were entertained at luncheon by the Lord Mayor. Then they marched through cheering crowds to the hall. Foreign Secretary Balfour and Lord Derby, Secretary for War, participated in the ceremonies. All the music was by British composers.

## BAKER FORMS WAR COUNCIL TO HANDLE SUPPLY PROBLEMS

**Co-ordination Aimed at in Body on Which Will Be High Officials of Department.**

**CROZIER AGAIN ON STAND**

**He Assures Committee There Will Be Plenty of Supplies for All Men Sent to France.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Organization of a war council of the War Department to co-ordinate all matters relating to the armies at home and overseas and the military relations between the armies in the field and the department, was announced tonight by Secretary Baker.

Composing the council are the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of War, the Chief of Staff and Major-General Henry G. Sharpe, Quartermaster-General; Major-General Erasmus M. Weaver, Chief of Coast Artillery; Major-General William Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, and Major-General Enoch H. Crowder, Provost Marshal-General.

**Members to Go to Front.**

Baker's announcement said that when Gen. Tamm H. Bliss, chief of staff, who participated in the inter-allied war conference, returns from Europe he will bring to the new organization his knowledge of conditions which affect all branches of the service, and that from time to time members will be ordered to the front to make observations for the information of the council.

The secretary said the council will act through the chief of staff of the army and will not take over the specialized duties of the general staff or the war college. It is intended, he added, to bring to the larger problems of the department the combined wisdom of the general staff, the chief of staff, and the general training of the officers, mature, both in years and service experience.

"From time to time," Secretary Baker said, "there will be added to the council general officers of large experience, so that it may constitute the main reliance of the department for the large planning and initiative necessary to make our support of the armies in the field most effective and helpful. When any officer is detailed to the council, he will be made to free him from administrative duties and responsibilities."

Gen. Bliss will retire as chief of staff Dec. 31 because of age limitation, but some officers believe he probably would be retained on the council after that time because of the wide knowledge he gained of conditions on the fighting fronts and in France and England while attending the allied war conference.

No announcement was made as to who would perform the administrative duties of which the officers named to the council tonight will be relieved, but the fact that Major-General Goehs, retired, has been in conference with Secretary Baker for the last two days, led to the belief in some quarters that he would be given a place in the War Department. It was pointed out that he was especially fitted for performing the great task of gathering supplies for the army and keeping them moving to the battle front.

Congressional investigation of the conduct of the war was resumed in executive session today by the Senate Military Committee, with Major-General Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, on the stand for the fourth day.

Gen. Crozier told the committee today that the deficiency was in heavy ordnance, largely due to the time necessary for its manufacture.

"The situation really is better than I expected," said Chairman Chamberlain, "and shows we are profiting by the mistakes of the allies in heavy artillery equipment."

Gen. Crozier told the committee that while Congress had been generous with funds, the appropriations recommended by the army's general staff and the ordnance chief invariably were reduced by civilian executive superiors. Resulting reduction in ordnance production, he said, was chargeable, therefore, to executive action and not to the Ordinance Bureau. Committee members were said to have agreed with this contention.

Chairman Chamberlain and other members said that, while Congress seldom was supplied with the original recommendations of the general staff or bureau chiefs, the appropriations made generally were larger than those requested by the Secretary of War.

Gen. Crozier, in dealing with present ordnance supplies of the army, assured the committee that the American forces overseas have an ample supply of artillery and that there would be adequate ordnance equipment for all troops sent to France.

Gen. Crozier will be recalled Monday and his further examination, Chairman Chamberlain said, probably will be in open session.

**Scott Favors Reorganization.**

Reorganization of the War Department, on a sound general staff basis and adoption of the universal military service as a national policy, are recommended in the last annual report of Major-General Hugh L. Scott, as Chief of Staff, made public tonight.

After referring to what has been accomplished in the way of preparation, Gen. Scott deprecates the paucity of general staff officers "for work of such unparalleled importance," and ascribes this shortage to the fact of Congress in 1916, which limited the total number of such officers to

55, only half of whom could be held on duty in Washington at any one time. The staff did not reach a strength of 47 officers until Congress increased that body in May, 1917, the report says, and adds that had this number of officers been available in February and the months following "preparations for our entrance into the war would have been improved and hastened."

Gen. Scott asks that Congress examine the question of staff control of the army in a spirit "freed from every touch of personal interest or prejudice," and recommends that the Chief of Staff be made the Secretary's one and only organ for command of the army in all that pertains to "discipline, recruiting, instruction, intelligence, training, armament, equipment, mobilization, transportation, education, moving of troops, the appointment, promotion, detail and selection of officers," with authority to secure co-operation of the entire military establishment.

Creation of chiefs of cavalry, infantry and field artillery under the Chief of Staff, and staff sections, to deal with recruiting movement of troops and promotion and detailing of officers also is recommended.

The annual reports of the Adjutant-General and Inspector-General were also made public tonight, but they add little information as to the present military situation or the condition of the army.

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**Arkansas Favors Suffrage.**

The poll indicates that Arkansas has swung into line for suffrage, taking the lead in that direction.

The outlook for suffrage in the Senate is problematic. Of the 43 Republicans, 27 are for it, 12 are against it and four doubtful. The Democrats are said to stand 23 for the amendment and 25 against it. A poll made this week by Senators Curtis and Hollis, suffrage advocates, is said to indicate defeat of the bill.

Suffrage failed by 11 votes in the Senate on outlining the necessary two-thirds when the constitutional amendment was voted on March 19, 1914.

Following is the poll of Illinois and Missouri delegations:

**On Prohibition.**

ILLINOIS—For: Wilson, Foss, Copley, Fuller, McKendle, McCormick, Graham, King, Sterling, McKinley, Rainey, Foster, Williams—13.

Against: Sabath, Britten, Rodenberg—3.

Non-committal or absent: Madden, McAlexander, Jaul, Ireland, Carson, Wheeler, Mason, Mann, Denison, Gallagher—10.

**Vacancy—1.**

MISSOURI—For: Romjue, Rucker, Alexander, Booher, Bagland, Dickerson, Shackelford, Hensley, Russell, Decker, Rubey—11.

Against: Meeker, Igoe, Dyer—3.

Non-committal or absent: Clark, Hamlin—2.

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Non-committal or absent: Booher, Clark, Hamlin—3.

**Marines Captain Killed in Accident.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Capt. John R. Martin, first brigade marines, in Haiti, was killed today by an automobile accident near Port au Prince, Haiti. He was a native of Detroit, Mich.

**Queen Victoria Flower Girl Dies.**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Mary Way, 86 years old, who was a flower girl at the coronation of Queen Victoria, died here today.

## How Congressional Delegations Stand on Two Questions

Prohibition, Suffrage

STATE	For	Against	Noncommittal
Alabama	4	3	7
Arizona	1	1	1
Arkansas	6	1	1
California	5	6	4
Colorado	4	4	1
Connecticut	3	1	1
Delaware	1	1	1
Florida	3	1	2
Georgia	1	1	10
Idaho	2	1	2
Illinois	13	3	10
Indiana	9	1	3
Iowa	3	3	9
Kansas	8	3	12
Kentucky	3	3	12
Louisiana	3	3	6
Maine	3	1	3
Maryland	1	1	4
Massachusetts	3	13	13
Michigan	9	3	9
Minnesota	4	3	1
Mississippi	8	1	6
Missouri	11	3	12
Montana	2	2	2
Nebraska	4	2	3
Nevada	1	1	1
N. Hampshire	1	1	1
New Jersey	1	7	4
New Mexico	1	1	1
New York	6	17	20
N. Carolina	8	2	1
N. Dakota	3	3	3
Ohio	8	10	4
Oklahoma	5	5	1
Oregon	3	3	1
Pennsylvania	2	31	4
Rhode Island	3	3	3
S. Carolina	7	3	7
S. Dakota	3	3	3
Tennessee	10	3	5
Texas	1	17	18
Utah	2	2	2
Vermont	2	2	2
Virginia	8	1	8
Washington	5	5	5
W. Virginia	6	3	4
Wisconsin	2	2	6
Wyoming	1	1	1

## SPRECKELS "SORE" BECAUSE PROFITS FELL, HOOVER SAYS

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finers was fixed by three American members of the international committee of the Food Administration having charge of the American supply and added that the three men were sugar refiners, Senator Reed asked:

"Was the public represented at this price-fixing meeting?"

"No," replied Spreckels.

**Clash Over Anti-Trust Suit.**

Before the morning session ended, Spreckels and President Babst of the American Sugar Refining Co. clashed over the anti-trust suit against the American.

Spreckels said Babst last October discussed with his competitors dissolution of the suit and asked Spreckels to write a letter to President Wilson suggesting that the suit be dropped. Babst declared he had only asked Spreckels if he would join in such a request if other competitors did.

Spreckels testified that on about Oct. 1, Babst came to him and said: "We are good now and we have an intimation from the Attorney General that if you will write a letter to the President saying we are good the suit will be dismissed."

"What makes you think I have such influence with the President?" Spreckels said he replied:

"Because you are one of our principal competitors," was stated as the answer.

Spreckels stated that Babst said again that "we are good now and will be in the future" and that he (Spreckels) answered:

"I am not willing to take a chance on the future."

Spreckels said he declined to write such a letter.

Babst gave his version of the conversation and said nothing about the request for a letter.

"Wasn't anything said about a letter to the President?" asked Senator Reed.

"No."

**Both Stick to Testimony.**

Spreckels, sitting a few feet from Babst, quickly faced about and questioned:

"Didn't you ask me to write a letter to President Wilson?"

"I did not," said Babst firmly.

Turning to Senator Reed Spreckels declared that "my statement was

made under oath and I am willing to repeat it."

"So was mine," snapped Babst.

"I explained to Mr. Spreckels," Babst said, "that as we were all under Government control it had been suggested that possibly the dissolution suit against us might be dismissed. I asked that if such a proposition was made by our competitors would he join in the request that it be done. He said he would think it over."

## 2644 ENLISTMENTS IN ALL BRANCHES HERE IN A WEEK

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army particularly is seeking skilled mechanics for the Ordnance Department.

**Young Woman Brings 7 Men She Had Enlisted to St. Louis.**

Miss Theresa Burgess of Pevely, Mo., marched into the navy recruiting station yesterday morning with Mayor Peter McLoon and about 12 per cent of the male population of Pevely, consisting of seven young men. She informed Commander Brooks that the young men were trophies of a little recruiting campaign which she had been conducting for a week. Pevely has a total population of 150.

**82 Accepted Here for British Army Since Dec. 1.**

The British Recruiting Mission, at 302 North Sixth street, has accepted 82 out of 112 applicants for enlistment in the British army since Dec. 1. The total number accepted since the mission began its work here in September is 457.

**Scott Field Aviation Enlistments Exceeded 450 Last Week.**

Enlistments at Scott Field, the aviation camp near Belleville, last week exceeded 450, according to Lieut. J. E. Enright, in charge of the recruiting station in the Belleville Federal Building. Enlistments closed at noon yesterday, a few hours after the first questionnaires were mailed to men subject to the selective draft.

While many of the men who enlisted here from Belleville, and would have been subject to the present draft call, a number came from St. Louis. Mechanics and other trained men were accepted.

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1st Week... 1c	1st Week... 2c	1st Week... 5c	1st Week... 10c	1st Week... 50c	1st Week... \$1.00	1st Week... \$5.00	\$2, \$3, \$4,
2d Week... 2c	2d Week... 4c	2d Week... 10c	2d Week... 20c	2d Week... 50c	2d Week... \$1.00	2d Week... \$5.00	\$10
3d Week... 3c	3d Week... 6c	3d Week... 15c	3d Week... 30c	3d Week... 50c	3d Week... \$1.00	3d Week... \$5.00	or
Increase Every Week by 1c	Increase Every Week by 2c	Increase Every Week by 5c	Increase Every Week by 10c	Deposit 50c Every Week	Deposit \$1.00 Every Week	Deposit \$5.00 Every Week	any amount
Total in 50 Weeks	Total in 50 Weeks	Total in 50 Weeks	Total in 50 Weeks	Total in 50 Weeks	Total in 50 Weeks	Total in 50 Weeks	
\$12.75	\$25.50	\$63.75	\$127.50	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$250.00	

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## TEUTONS CAPTURE 3000 PRISONERS IN NORTHERN ITALY

Berlin Also Announces Cannon and Machine Guns Have Been Taken.

ITALIANS ADMIT REVERSE

Berlin Declares Allied Offensive in Flanders Is Over for the Present.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 15.—More than 3000 prisoners have been taken by the Austro-German forces during the fighting of the past few days on the Italian front between the Brenna and the Piave, army headquarters announced today. Some captures of cannon and machine guns also were reported.

The statement reads: "Italian Front.—During the past few days, in engagements between the Brenna and the Piave we took 40 officers and more than 3000 men prisoners, and captured some guns and machine guns. Several Italian counter-attacks against positions we had captured were repulsed."

"Western front, front of Crown Prince Rupprecht.—North of Gheluvelt two officers and 45 men were taken prisoner as the result of a successful raid on the English lines near Pesschhoek. An English counter-attack launched at night to recapture the lost ground broke down. From the Scarpe to the Oise the enemy artillery fire is lively. At evening, in the night and morning heavy surprise firing attacks were directed against our positions. It was observed that an English attack was being prepared east of Bullecourt; its execution was prevented by our destructive fire.

"Front of Grand Duke Albrecht.—In the valley of the Thann we ward off an attack by a strong French reconnoitering detachment."

Rome Admits Slight Retirement in Fierce Fighting.

ROME, Dec. 15.—The official statement issued today says:

"During yesterday the battle between the Brenna and the Piave continued fiercely. Early in the afternoon the enemy launched his masses of infantry to attack."

"In the Col della Beretta region, although a counter-offensive on our part, aiming at lightening the enemy pressure, succeeded twice in reaching the summit of Monte Pertica and attracting large enemy forces to that point, the enemy thrust was most violent on Col Caprille and to the south of Col della Beretta. The assault was sustained by our troops and completely repulsed in a counter-attack, which inflicted heavy losses on the enemy."

"The enemy, who had never diminished his intense bombardment of our positions, began his artillery preparation again, renewed his force and repeated the attack, succeeding in reaching the Col Caprille. Our troops held firm to the position, a little to the rear and nightfall stopped the fighting."

"At the head of the Monte Solarolo salient the enemy attacked in force at 12:30 a. m. This was supported by a secondary action directed against Col del Orso and sustained by a most intense artillery fire which swept our line. This attack was repulsed and the enemy suffered heavy losses in a counter-attack. He again attacked at 4 p. m., but another counter-attack on our part forced him to retire and suspend artillery action for the day."

"The daring of our troops of the Fourth Army during this fierce and bitter struggle, which has been proceeding for four days between the Brenna and the Piave, has been worthy the greatness of the hour."

Flanders Offensive Over for Present Says German Staff.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 15.—An official communication from German headquarters making reference to the front of Crown Prince Rupprecht in Flanders, says:

"For over four weeks the British have discontinued their attacks in Flanders. Their violent offensive, which had for its objective the possession of the Flanders coast and destruction of our submarine bases, may, therefore, be considered closed for the present."

"Nearly the whole English army, reinforced by the French, has for over three months struggled with our army in Flanders to obtain a decision. Here also German leadership and German troops have been victorious, while at other points we have crushed the enemy by might blows. The failure of the English army in Flanders has been accentuated by the heavy defeat which it suffered at Cambrai."

British Repulse Another Attack East of Bullecourt.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The report from Field Marshal Haig tonight says:

"Yesterday evening the enemy made another local attack east of Bullecourt, but was completely repulsed. This afternoon we carried out a successful raid on the village, in which we captured prisoners and destroyed enemy dugouts. On another portion of the front a few prisoners also were taken during the night by Portuguese troops in patrol encounters."

"On the Ypres front there has been local fighting during the day in the neighborhood of Polderhoek chateau, without material change in the situation. The hostile artillery has shown considerable activity today in the neighborhood of

## Another Potsdam Dream

Drawn by Louis Raemaekers, the Famous Dutch Cartoonist.



"I may not be King of the Belgians, but, with the aid of the Bolsheviki, I may yet be the Czar of Russia."

Hargicourt and Plesqueres, between Carville and Lens and in the Paschendale section."

Today's announcement said: "The local fighting was recommenced yesterday evening in the neighborhood of Polderhoek chateau, in which our troops gained a considerable part of the trench into which the enemy had penetrated during the morning."

French Raid Near Juvincourt Successful, Nets Prisoners.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The statement issued by the War Office tonight says:

"A violent cannonade prevailed in the region of the Mieta river. A surprise attack against the enemy's trenches to the south of Juvincourt succeeded. We brought back some prisoners. On the right bank of the Meuse, after a violent bombardment, the Germans launched an attack in the region of Bois Le Chaume. Our fire compelled the assailants to disperse. The artillery action was spirited throughout the whole sector."

Gen. Allenby Extends Line North-east of Jerusalem.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—An official announcement says that Gen. Allenby reports that he further extended his line northeast of Jerusalem on Thursday, capturing 140 prisoners. Otherwise the situation is unchanged. Since Wednesday, three enemy airplanes have been destroyed and another has been brought down."

KAISER EXPECTED TO MAKE A "FINAL OFFER FOR PEACE"

Will Put Blame on Allies for Continued Hostilities—Austrian Aims in Balkans Defined.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Emperor William in his Christmas message proposes to make a final peace offer to his enemies, "on whom, in case of rejection, will fall the responsibility for bloodshed in 1918, according to an unofficial Berlin telegram forwarded from Geneva to the Exchange Telegraph Co. today."

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15.—Austria does not desire the annexation of Balkan territory or an influence in the formation of the Rumanian and Servian Governments, "but the abundance of those countries," says the Vienna Neue Presse, according to a Vienna telegram today.

On the other hand, says the newspaper, Austria will not permit the extension of the territory of Rumania or Servia. She expects, it is added, to reach an agreement on this basis with Nikolai Lenin, the Bolshevik Premier, at Petrograd.

## RUSSIAN-GERMAN TREATY REPORTED DRAFTED FRIDAY

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to the present Bolshevik secret conferences with Scheidemann:

"This manner of conjuncting two political parties with such radically different principles is inconceivable, except on the assumption of moral bankruptcy on at least one side, and after what the last weeks have taught us concerning the Bolshevik methods, it is not difficult where such bankruptcy already exists."

Parvus, who acted as intermediary between Scheidemann and Vorovsky, poses as a majority Socialist and enjoys the German Government's confidence to such an extent that he was among the men mentioned at the time of the last Government changes as possible Minister of Finance. He was born a Russian subject, but left Russia some years ago. He made millions through grain and coal dealings in Germany, and became a German subject shortly after the outbreak of the war.

Germany Said to Have Withdrawn Demand for Disarmament.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A Petrograd dispatch dated Friday announces the resumption of Russo-German armistice negotiations and says they are now concerned with the transport of troops from the front, the question of the seas and conditions of fraternization. Russia maintains her attitude in respect to transportation of German troops to other fronts, contending that the Germans should not send men from the east to France and Belgium.

The Petrograd newspapers announce that Germany has withdrawn her demand for disarmament of the entire Russian army.

Bolshevik units at Kiev have been disarmed by the Ukrainians and sent to their homes.

In one instance the Bolshevik troops in Kiev resisted disarmament and numerous casualties resulted.

The Bolshevik committee of the Twelfth Army Corps has asked for the recall of Maj. Finchon, head of the French Military Mission, for protesting against agitation in the army against the entente allies.

Bolshevik Take Three Cities and Arrest Gen. Kaledines.

PETROGRAD, Friday, Dec. 14.—The cities of Rostov, Nakhichevan and Takanov, in the Don Cossack territory, are in the hands of the Bolshevik troops, according to a report issued by the official news bureau.

Gen. Kaledines, leader of the Don Cossacks, the announcement adds,

has been arrested by Gens. Kaidin and Bototsky and their staffs, who have invited the Mayor of Rostov to go to Novo Tcherkassk, the Cossack capital, to discuss the suspension of military operations.

Owing to the boycotting of the municipal elections by the other parties, the Maximalists will be in undisputed control of the administration of Petrograd. The newspaper Pravda, organ of the Bolshevik Government, has announced the arrest of the leading members of the council of Union Cossack troops at Petrograd at the instance of the Cossack Committee affiliated with the Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates.

## THREE PERSONS SHOT IN DISPUTE OVER BAR BILL

Wife of East St. Louis Saloon Keeper in Critical Condition From Wound in Abdomen.

Joseph Kucan, 45 years old, and his wife, Mrs. Rose Kucan, 38 years old, and William Vahle, 42 years old, an engineer, of 611 South Eighth street, East St. Louis, were shot in Kucan's saloon at 800 Trembley avenue last night, following a dispute between Kucan and Vahle over a bar bill.

Mrs. Kucan was shot through the abdomen and is in a critical condition. Kucan was shot in the right temple, but the bullet glanced. Vahle was shot in the right groin. All are at St. Mary's Hospital.

Vahle was accompanied to the saloon by John Lepinsky of 611 South Eighth street. They were arrested at a filling station at Tenth street and Piggott avenue, where they were trying to get a service car to take them to St. Louis, after Vahle had turned his revolver over to Mrs. Walter E. Wick, wife of the proprietor. It contained four exploded shells and that one had been snapped. It is not known who shot Vahle. Kucan's revolver, when found by the police, contained no discharged shells.

## HOUSE AND \$1000 BURNED

Edwardsville Couple Left Currency in Dwelling While on Visit.

When Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leitner, living near Edwardsville, went to call on a neighbor yesterday afternoon they left \$1000 in currency hidden about the house in small sacks. As they neared the house on their return they discovered it in flames. They were unable to save anything.

In addition to the money they lost all of their household effects and clothing.

## COAL PRICES FIXED HERE; HIGHER THAN HAS BEEN CHARGED

St. Louis Fuel Committee's Maximum Tariffs Show 4 1/2 Per Cent Increase.

The St. Louis Fuel Committee yesterday fixed the maximum retail price of the five grades of soft coal widely used in St. Louis for domestic purposes. The prices are effective tomorrow and show an average increase of about 4 1/2 per cent over prices charged heretofore.

Announcement also was made that the serious congestion of loaded coal cars in the East Side terminals, which has caused a shortage of coal here and in various parts of the State, had been relieved by the delivery here yesterday of 186 cars of coal. There were nearly 400 cars in East Side yards last night, and the Terminal Railroad officials assured the Fuel Committee that nearly 200 of these would be brought over to St. Louis today.

Prices Decided Upon.

The prices decided upon and the names of the districts from which the coal is taken follow:

Standard district coal, \$5 a ton.

Mr. Olive district coal, \$5.25 a ton.

Duquoin district coal, \$5.50 a ton.

Cartersville district coal, \$5.75 a ton.

Big Muddy district coal, \$5.25 a ton.

Under provisions of an order issued by the Fuel Committee Nov. 17 last, dealers are required to stamp on each delivery ticket the name of the district from which the coal is received. This will prevent misrepresentation in grade and price.

The prices apply only to coal delivered to the consumer, and will not affect contracts. Changes in price will be made as the market fluctuates. The retailers, it was learned, through a cost committee convinced the Fuel Committee that in many instances the retailers are selling at

a loss. C. H. Weiser, secretary of the Fuel Committee, said that the prices are fair to both the consumer and the dealer, and are considerably less than those prevailing in Kansas City and other large cities in the middle west.

It has been estimated by the Fuel Committee that the retailer will have a gross profit of about \$1.45 to \$1.50 a ton under the new scale, and a net profit of 20 or 25 cents a ton.

Crossley Attends Session.

State Fuel Administrator Crossley attended the session of the Fuel Committee yesterday and approved the issuance of maximum prices. He was in St. Louis all day, and assumed charge of the work of relieving the shortage and congestion. He told a Post-Dispatch reporter in the evening that the danger of a tie-up in the manufacturing plants here had been averted, and that the railroads had assured the State and local fuel officials that sufficient quantities of coal to supply demands would be shipped into St. Louis. The rise in temperature, it was pointed out, also helped to relieve the strain.

The local Railroad War Board has arranged to give priority to coal for all shipments received today and tomorrow. The Terminal Railroad Association brought a great many cars into St. Louis last night, and dealers informed the fuel committee that they would make deliveries all day today.

W. I. Jones, assistant general freight agent of the Missouri Pacific railroad, yesterday was appointed traffic manager of the State Fuel Administration by Crossley. He will make his headquarters at the office of the local fuel committee, and will have charge of the movement of coal through East Side terminals and throughout the state.

Orphanage Appeals for Coal.

Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield has empowered State Administrator Crossley to take charge of the entire Terminal coal traffic situation on both sides of the river. The present scarcity is due to the severe cold wave, Crossley pointed out, and to the inability of the Terminal to keep cars moving. The extremely cold weather reduces the efficiency of engines about 50 per cent. Terminal officials say. Some points in the State are suffering for lack of coal.

Crossley related, but conditions will be remedied within the next few days. The supply at Missouri University is very low, he said.

The St. Louis Protestant Orphan Asylum at Webster Groves, appealed to the Fuel Committee yesterday for coal, and two cars were immediately diverted to Webster. The orphanage reported that its supply was exhausted and none was to be had.

## SWITZERLAND TO REMAIN NEUTRAL, SAYS NOTE TO U. S.

Violation of Frontier Will Be Repelled, States Reply to Pledge to Respect Rights.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In thanking the United States for the declaration of neutrality of the Swiss Confederation, the Swiss Confederation, in a communication made public today by the State Department declares it will maintain its neutrality by its own forces and will repel a violation of its frontier. The communication received today, is signed by President Ador of the Swiss Confederation and addressed to the Charge d'Affaires at Bern in the absence of Minister Stovall, and reads as follows:

"December 12.

"Mr. Charge d'Affaires: "In a note of the third inst. you were kind enough to inform the political department that you had been charged by the State Department to inform the Federal Council that the presence of American troops in Europe, taking part in the war against the Imperial German Government, has led the Government of the Union to inform the Swiss Confederation that the same as its co-belligerents in Europe, the United States will not fail to observe toward Switzerland the principle of neutrality and inviolability of its territory so long as this neutrality is maintained by the confederation and respected by the enemy."

Repeats Neutrality Pledge.

"In the name of the Federal Council I have the honor, in acknowledging this declaration, to beg you to transmit to your Government the thanks of the Federal Council for this new proof of the sentiments of friendship that the United States has always manifested towards Switzerland."

"The Federal Council can only renew the declaration of neutrality that it had the honor to notify to Washington April 20, 1917, insisting particularly on its firm and unwavering determination to maintain its neutrality and inviolability of its

territory of all means at its disposal against any person.

"At the same time, the Federal Council has the honor to declare that by virtue of its sovereignty and in accordance with the declaration of the Federal Council, who signed the treaties of Vienna and Paris of 1815, in particular that of the 20th of November, the Swiss Confederation, to whom it appertains to take the necessary measures for the defense of its territory, will maintain its neutrality by its own forces and will repel a violation of its frontier if that occurs."

"Referring to these acts and to its declaration of neutrality of August, 1914, as well as to later declarations, especially the notification made at Washington by the Swiss Minister on April 20, 1917, the Federal Council believes that it is certain only to it to decide in what condition it might appear opportune to appeal to the assistance of foreign Powers."

"Received, etc., etc."

(Signed) "ADOR."

## AUSTRALIAN OFFICER PRAISES RED CROSS WORK AT MEETING

Veteran of "Anzac" Campaign Urges Clayton (a-hoing to Support Organization.

Capt. Lester Elliott of the Australian army, a veteran of the "Anzac" campaign in the Dardanelles, praised the work of the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. at a Red Cross membership rally held yesterday in the Clayton Courthouse. He said that those unable to fight, who were seeking a way to do their part in the war, could find it in supporting these organizations. He gave a demonstration of the use of gas masks and hand grenades.

Forrest C. Donnell and Daniel G. Taylor spoke at the meeting, and C. L. Holman presided. Plans for the coming week's membership campaign in the county were announced. The county has been divided into six zones, with a total of 39 subdivisions.

## 14 RESTAURANTS ARE WARNED

Food Committee Will Notify Hoovers If Needless-Days Are Ignored.

The Food Administration Committee for St. Louis yesterday sent letters to 14 restaurants and cafes which were reported to have failed to observe a wheatless and a meatless day, asking if they would not hereafter observe the request.

It was stated that if they persist in ignoring the request the matter will be referred to the Food Administration at Washington.

## RED CROSS WARD HEADQUARTERS

Established for Red Cross Xmas Membership Campaign

Ward No. 1—S. A. Langan Tailoring Co., 2025 E. Grand. Central 9733R.

Ward No. 2—Pohlman Coal Co., 14th St. and Bremen Av., 75 ft. of 14th. (No Bell phone.)

Ward No. 3—Fifth District Police Station, 10th and North Market Sts.

Ward No. 4—Police Station, 4th District, 10th and Carr.

Ward No. 5—John Ellman, 1507 Franklin (Steamship Ticket Office).

Ward No. 6—Room 2170 Railway Exchange Bldg.

Ward No. 7—1744 Chouteau Av., Dr. Chiles, J. B., Exemption Board. Central 8496J.

Ward No. 8—Police Station 3d District, 7th and Soulard.

Ward No. 9—Walker & Helderle Livery Co., Broadway and Lami.

Ward No. 10—Ziegenhein Bros. Livery & U. Co., 2623 Cherokee. Sidney 219.

Ward No. 11—F. W. Clemens Feed Co., 3351 Gravois Av. Sidney 2903.

Ward No. 12—Carondelet Library, cor. Michigan and Kraus. Riverside 460.

Ward No. 13—South Side Branch Fisk Rubber Co., Humphrey and Grand. Sidney 3056.

Ward No. 14—Second floor Jefferson-Gravois Trust Co.

Ward No. 15—Barr Branch Library, Jefferson and Lafayette Aves.

Ward No. 16—Wiemeyer Motor Co., 3132 Park Av. Grand 2359.

Ward No. 17—Police Station, Leffingwell and Laclede, 8th District.

Ward No. 18—H. L. Weeke, residence 2334 Hebert St.

Ward No. 19—2947 Cass Av., Republican Committee Headquarters.

Ward No. 20—John W. Prettyman, Upholsterer, 1819 N. Grand Av. Lindell 2608.

Ward No. 21—Bader's, 3133 N. Grand Av. Colfax 18.

Ward No. 22—4273W Easton Av. Get key and use phone at Be-wig's Gro. Store, next door. Lindell 2204.

Ward No. 23—Wm. Haller Painting Co., 4148 Olive St.

Ward No. 24—St. Louis City Infirmary, 5800 Arsenal St.

Ward No. 25—Eugene Field School Basement. Forest 8940.

Ward No. 26—5190 Easton Av.

Ward No. 27—Republican Headquarters, 5858 Easton Av. Phone next door and key next door at H. A. Hoffman. Cabany 2103R. Tinner Shop.

Ward No. 28—Hamilton Hotel. Cabany 1205.

The Red Cross needs more workers and takes this method of asking for them. It is hoped that volunteers in the various precincts of the City will report direct to above ward headquarters ready for service bright and early tomorrow (Monday) morning--

"HELP A BIT"



## ST. LOUIS DOCTORS IN FLANDERS WORK IN RANGE OF SHELLS

Dr. B. S. Veeder Describes Surgical Service at Advanced Clearing Stations.

### BOMBS FALL AT HOSPITAL

German Airplanes Go Over Nearly Every Night, He Writes.

St. Louis physicians, members of Base Hospital Unit 21 of the American Red Cross, are working at advanced casualty clearing stations in Flanders, according to a letter written by Dr. Borden S. Veeder and printed in the December number of the Journal of the Missouri State Medical Association.

The base hospital is at Rouen, France, but Dr. Veeder's letter shows that physicians are being sent to Flanders, by twos, for various periods of work behind the British lines. Dr. Malvern B. Clifton, Major in charge of surgical service of the unit, was Dr. Veeder's team partner in this work, and Dr. Fred T. Murphy, Major directing the medical and surgical staff, is named as another of the workers. Dr. Lawrence Post and Alan Gilbert, each having the rank of Captain, are also mentioned.

As Near the Front as Practicable. Writing to Dr. E. J. Goodwin, secretary of the State society, Dr. Veeder says:

"As you see by the address, I have changed my location; only temporarily, however. A month ago Major Clifton and I were ordered up to No. 8 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station as a surgical team—reinforcements for the Flanders show. Murphy had another team from No. 21 and Lawrence Post and Alan Gilbert have recently come up to a third C. C. S. (casualty clearing station). We have been in the midst of things in the advance zone and some of the medical side as seen here may interest you. The military end is the most interesting, but of that I cannot write, unfortunately.

"The station at railroad has evolved into what is perhaps the most important single link in the British medical military service. Starting as a small hospital whose chief function was to collect the wounded from the field ambulances and put them on a train for the base hospital, doing very little actual medical work, they have increased in number, size and scope of work until today all the important and major surgery being done at the station. There are many C. C. S.'s in this area and we are one of 10 surgical teams working here; the others are two Australian, two English and five Canadian, besides a number of other officers doing minor surgery, medicine, etc.

"We are as near the front line as is practicable to send hospital trains. Recently the wounded have been brought directly to the C. C. S. from the advanced dressing station without going through the main stations of the field ambulance. Experience has shown the value of operative measures as soon as possible after the wound has been received. As I said, there are a number in this district and some attempt has been made to specialize. Thus, where Murphy was working many head cases were sent.

"An attempt to place a C. C. S. directly behind the line for abdominal work was a failure as the Boches shelled it out twice. We are well within shell range and hear the shells going to either side. So far we have not been shelled. We have been bombed, however, and the German planes go over nearly every night—sometimes many times a night. There were a number of casualties here just before we came up, and since we have been here the hospital has been bombed.

Three nights ago two nurses were killed by bombs at a C. C. S. just below us. Everything else in the neighborhood is scattered or concealed but the hospitals. These were intentionally placed together and made prominent when it was thought the German had some humanity. Hence it makes a target that is hard to miss. It is an unpleasant sensation, to say the least, to hear the hum of a German plane over your head and then see the bombs begin to fall.

How Wounded Are Treated. "We have seen some busy times during the past month. Five teams work at night and five during the day, changing at 9 in the morning and at night, the entire group changing alternate weeks. The patients are received in a preparation hut, where the clothes are cut off and the extent of the injuries determined. Badly shocked cases are taken to a resuscitation tent for stimulation and rest. Other cases are tagged for operation and placed in a row—still on the original stretcher—and minor injuries are tagged for evacuation. At times there will be 60 or 70 cases awaiting their turn for operation.

"The operating theater is a long hut with eight tables about seven feet apart. Space is left along one side wide enough for the stretchers to be brought in, and along the other side there is a shelf holding instruments, dressings, wash basins, etc. At one end of the room is a sterilizer heated by an oil lamp, and at the other a stove burning soft coal. Over each table a wire framework support for a cluster of lights, salt apparatus and means of suspension for the arms and legs. Each team consists of a surgeon, anesthetist, nurse and orderly. You have no idea of the nature of the case until it is on the table. It may be a fractured humerus, a penetrating chest wound, an

abdomen or an extremity requiring immediate decision as to amputation. Many of the cases have multiple wounds. There is a Roentgen-ray equipment, but its capacity is limited and an extensive outfit is really needed for the work at a C. C. S.

"As far as possible, cases are evacuated by train soon after operation, and so the surgeon rarely sees the results of his work. Only the very serious cases, head cases and abdomens, are held over, and these only a few days at the most. We have seen as many as 10 trains of 500 to 700 patients each evacuated from this group of four C. C. S.'s in 24 hours. The wounds are chiefly the result of high explosive shells: next bomb wounds, then shrapnel, and last of all, bullet wounds. The cases of chief interest from a medical standpoint are of chest injuries and the mustard oil gas cases.

Tells of Viewing Battle Area. "The weather is raw and damp here, and we are just beginning to get in the nephritis. We have been at Ypres, or rather what is left of it, but did not stay long, as the Boches were shelling it. We have also had some good views of the battle area.

"Things are going along very well at the base hospital. They have been very busy recently. The most unpleasant feature of the work in France is the unevenness. At times we will be extremely busy and need every man we have. Then a period of loafing, when a third of the staff could carry on the work. Everyone is happy and in good spirits until the work gets slack, and then we begin to speculate on the number of years we will be here. The health as a whole is splendid. The officers have just moved into huts after four months of tent life. We sleep in small tents up here and have no heat, and I assure you it's rather a chilly way to live. It rains every day almost in Flanders, and there is no soil, only mud.

"We are a great many German prisoners going through, and have operated upon a number. They seem quite fed up (tired of the war), and, with the exception of the officers I've talked with, much discouraged and glad to be prisoners. I send Archer O'Reilly a Boche helmet I got from a prisoner taken in the battle of Broodseinde ridge. I wish I could send you a picture of Clifton and me in our tin hats and gas masks, and our tent with the sandbags around, but cameras are forbidden. We are some sights."

### JURORS GO TO BED SOON AFTER GETTING MEANS CASE

Sister of Defendant Breaks Down During Final Argument in His Defense.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 15.—The case of Gaston B. Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, was given to the jury at 7 o'clock tonight.

Sheriff Caldwell reported that the jurors went to bed at 10 o'clock, after deliberating only two hours. Argument of counsel, which began three days ago, was concluded at 6 o'clock and Superior Judge Cline immediately began to change the jury. Two hours was required for the court to review the evidence and instruct the jurors.

E. T. Casler of Charlotte, closing for the defense, made a dramatic appeal to the jury and in the midst of his address Miss Belle Means, a sister of the defendant, broke down. She was removed from the court room by direction of Judge Cline.

L. L. Caldwell, closing for the state, reviewed Means' financial transactions as the representative of Mrs. King and declared that for two years the defendant pursued a system of misappropriation of the wealthy widow's funds. He also asserted that Mrs. Mary C. Melvin, sister of the dead woman, got some of the money and declared that she knew more about the financial transactions than had been disclosed.

### AUSTRIA-HUNGARY'S ARMIES PLACED AT 1,287,500 MEN

Correspondent Says Empire Has 1170 Battalions of Infantry and 2950 Field Guns.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Dec. 14.—The total man-power of Austria-Hungary's armies, the latest estimate of American, now has reached 1,170 battalions of infantry, 240 squadrons of cavalry, 2950 field guns, 1500 light howitzers and 922 heavy guns, according to approximately exact figures obtained today by the correspondent.

On the basis of German army organization the foregoing units of the Austrian army would embrace approximately 1,123,200 men for infantry, 28,800 for cavalry, 25,500 for field artillery, 40,000 for light howitzers and 15,000 for heavy guns; a total of 1,287,500 men.

### 4 MEN HELD ON THEFT CHARGE

Oiled Clothing Company's Missing Garments Found in Their Homes. Henry J. Schmorrow and his son, William, of 1434 South Compton avenue; James E. Williams, 2837 North Grand avenue, and Blake Ernschaw, 3502 Chouteau avenue, were arrested yesterday in connection with the disappearance of garments from the Alligator Oiled Clothing Co., 3332 Chouteau avenue, where they are employed.

Several raincoats were found at the Schmorrow home. William Schmorrow said he forgot to return them. At Williams' home eight coats, two pairs of trousers and six shirts were found. At the Ernschaw home two raincoats were found. Warrants will be asked for tomorrow.

Woman Overcome by Gas. Mrs. Ida Goldman, 65 years old, of 927A North Seventeenth street, was found unconscious in her kitchen yesterday with gas flowing from the range. Her husband, Frank Goldman, thinks the gas was turned on accidentally. Mrs. Goldman is at the city hospital in a serious condition.

## CHINESE KILLS HIS BUSINESS RIVAL, ENDS OWN LIFE

Market Street Merchants Also Were Competitors for Office in Secret Society.

### WITNESSED BY CHILD

Slayer Leaves Note in Which He Gives Instructions to Keep Business Going.

Jeu Sik, Chinese grocer at 722 Market street, shot and killed Leong Hon Lon, a rival merchant, and then killed himself in Leong's shop, Market street at 11:45 yesterday morning.

Besides their business rivalry, Jeu and Leong were said to have been rivals for office and influence in the long, or secret society to which both belonged. Leong was secretary of the On Leong Tong, while Jeu held the lesser post of assistant secretary. Jeu was president of the Chinese Merchants' Association. Leong, also known as Leong Foo, whose store was at 23 South Eighth street, was his chief competitor.

Child Witness of Murder.

The murder and suicide were described to policemen by one of three children for whom Leong had lately provided a home. Virginia Wing, 7 years old, said she saw Leong go to the door when Jeu knocked on it and saw Jeu shoot Leong and then shoot himself. Her sister, Margaret, 9, and her brother, Henry, 4, were asleep in the same room. They are the children of Kong Wing of 714 Market street.

Thomas Artindale, interpreter for the Government Chinese Inspection Bureau, was summoned and aided the police in this difficult task of getting information. Artindale found a letter in the safe of Jeu's store, showing that the double killing had been planned. He translated this letter:

"To members of the Quong Hong Chong Co.—My cousins are attending to my business, so I am not afraid about it. Everybody good-by. I want Mow Lin to keep my business going."

Chinese Cautious About Talking. When reporters questioned adult residents of Hop Alley about the differences between Jeu and Leong, a general attitude of "least said, soonest mended" appeared. Charlie Joy, a chop suey cook, said both men were rich and that they did not get to work awful hard "like himself. When queried as to the extent of their wealth, he said, "All time got lot money in pocket—sometime dollar, sometime half dollar, sometime dime."

"What do you know of the On Leong Tong?" Charlie was asked. "I do not belong," he replied, cautiously, and drew his finger across his throat, showing apparently that he thought it safer not to talk about the tong's affairs.

Leong's wife died about six months ago, and Leong then took Kong Wing's children to live with him. Jeu had a wife in China. The bodies of the two men were taken to the morgue and will be buried by friends of their own race.

### FOOD ADMINISTRATION MEN VISIT THE AMERICAN FRONT

Will Mingle With Troops to Get Material for Series of Food Conservation Lectures.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 15.—Six representatives of the United States Food Administration arrived today at the American army zone for a four days' visit. They were entertained at luncheon by Gen. Pershing, inspected headquarters and then departed for a billet town.

The party will be taken all over the zone, will eat, sleep and talk with the soldiers and acquire first-hand information which will be used in a series of lectures in the United States to assist in the food conservation campaign.

The party also will gather information concerning food conditions in the army and in France.

### LODGE JANITRESS ATTACKED

Husband Finds Her Locked in Closet, Bound and Gagged. When William Schultz went to his home in rooms on the third floor of Tuscan Temple, King's highway and Westminster place, at 5:30 o'clock last night, he found his wife, Lydia, 27 years old, locked in a closet with a pillow slip over her head, her hands tied behind her and gagged.

Mrs. Schultz, who is janitress of the Temple, said she was walking through the corridor when two men seized her from behind and one gagged her while the other tied her hands with telephone wire. They then pulled the pillow over her head and locked her in the closet. Presently she heard one of them say: "Let's get out. There's nothing here." Nothing was stolen.

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### CHARLES SMITH OF ST. LOUIS REPORTED ARRESTED IN SIBERIA

Ambassador Francis Goes to Assistance of Attache of U. S. Railway Commission.

PETROGRAD, Friday, Dec. 14.—Charles S. Smith of St. Louis, a member of the staff of John F. Stevens, head of the American Railway Commission of Russia, is reported to have been arrested.

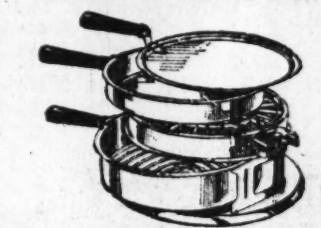
Smith is reported to have been arrested at Tshita, Siberia, in company with M. Oustrouloff, former Assistant Minister of Railways.

Ambassador Francis has telegraphed to the American consulate at Harbin and Vladivostok to intervene. At the Smolny Institute, the Bolshevik headquarters, it was stated that if the American had been arrested it was a mistake and he would be immediately released.

St. Louis railroad men today said the cablegram apparently referred to Charles H. Smith, formerly an assistant in the engineering department of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and later a member of the valuation board jointly formed by the Government and the railroads to determine the physical value of railroad properties in the United States. Smith lived at 6110 Berlin avenue. He and his wife went to Russia in May, 1916, after he had accepted employment by Russian promoters to aid in building a railroad in that country. He connected himself with the American Railway Commission after its arrival in Russia.

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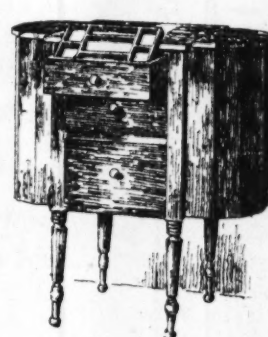
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## CONSPIRACY IS DENIED IN COURT BY 103 I. W. W.

Defendants Searched for  
Weapons When Arraigned Be-  
fore Judge Landis at Chicago.

### DEFENSE LAWYER ARMED

"Woman Troubadour" Friend of  
"Big Bill" Haywood Warned  
Out of the Building.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—One hundred and three members of the Industrial Workers of the World, probably the largest number ever assembled in one courtroom to answer the charges of conspiring against the Federal Government, pleaded "not guilty" when arraigned before Judge Landis in the United States District Court today.

Charles Jacobson of Virginia, Minn., and John Baudanza of New York, were two of the original 105 defendants who did not respond when arraignment took place. Later in the day Jacobson appeared at District Attorney Clynne's office and said that his train was six hours late in reaching Chicago. He was told to appear before Judge Landis on Jan. 5 to enter his plea. Clynne said that Baudanza had given substantial cash bail when arrested at New York and that his absence today had been reported to the Secret Service Department at Washington with a view to having him apprehended. In general appearance the defendants resembled a typical jury panel. There were exceptions, however, for among the I. W. W. there are a few who pretend to literary merit. There are some who confess themselves poets, and several are orators. These might be distinguished by the flowing Windsor tie and the soft collar of the artist or musician, by the stiff rearward brush of the hair, or, in one or two instances, by a neatly trimmed Vandyke beard.

### "Cannon" Found on Lawyer.

One of the Government lawyers referred to them as the "American Bolshevik," without the whiskers. Many bailiffs, secret service men, special agents of the Department of Justice, city detectives and policemen thronged the sixth floor corridors of the Federal Building. Even newspaper reporters had to get through three lines of guards to reach the courtroom. Those not known to the guards were given a cursory search for bombs or weapons, a procedure which led to some embarrassment for George F. Vanderveer of Seattle, Wash., of counsel for the defense. Ben A. Stern, Judge Landis' personal bailiff, detected a suspicious lump in the lawyer's hip pocket.

"Certainly I have a gun," said Vanderveer, and he would have moved on into the courtroom with an explanation of his identity.

"I don't care who you are, you can't carry a cannon into this court," said Stern, who thereupon delegated another bailiff to escort Vanderveer to the Department of Justice, where the pistol was deposited.

A slight, pale woman, recognized by one of the detectives as one who had sung like a medieval troubadour outside the jail window where "Big Bill" Haywood was a prisoner, was warned out of the building.

Defense Asks for Time.  
Counsel for the defense asked more time to confer with their clients and among themselves. The pleas were entered with the understanding that if counsel determined to argue on demurrers the pleas might be withdrawn Jan. 5.

For the rest the procedure was simple. The clerk of the court read the names, struggling hard with some of them, and the defendants appeared.

"What is your name?" the Judge would ask. The defendant would answer, giving the correct pronunciation. "Do you plead guilty or not guilty?"

"Not guilty."  
Arthur Glonavetti, wearing one of the Windsor ties, appeared with general suavity before the bar, like an actor sure of a pleasant reception. Ben Reitman, erstwhile anarchist and associate of Emma Goldman, who was a spectator, said to a reporter:

"Ah, there is a man, a great man; that's Glonavetti, the poet. He writes wonderful verse. He has a soul, an appreciation of the good and the beautiful. You should read his."

Reitman Encomium Snapped Off.  
"Order in the court," a bailiff snapped, and Reitman's encomium was cut short. Reitman has renounced the ways of anarchy and returned, he says, to the sober practice of medicine, which he abandoned 10 years ago to follow the red flag against all governments.

The name of Abraham Rodriguez of Lordsburg, N. M., proved difficult for the court clerk and his ignorance of English to Judge Landis.

"What's your name?" asked the court.  
"Abraham Rodriguez," he said, with the correct Spanish twist.

"What's your plea, guilty or not guilty?" The defendant looked blank.  
"Five years ago," said the Judge, "I could have asked you that in your own language. Are you guilty or not guilty? Did you do it or didn't you do it? Guilty or not guilty? Understand?"

The witness struggled and then said three distinct words: "I not guilty."

Millionaire Steel Man Dies.  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 15.—H. H. Woodward, 75, retired millionaire iron and steel operator, and father-in-law of Senator Underwood, died at his home here today.

## 19 NEW ST. LOUIS OFFICERS GOING TO FRANCE SOON

Men Recently Commissioned at  
Fort Sheridan Ordered to  
an Eastern Port.

Nineteen St. Louisans among the 212 who got commissions recently at the officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, have received orders to proceed to an Eastern port, from which they will be sent to France for intensive training. They have been departing from St. Louis during the last week.

The officers going to France are: Capt. Alanson D. Brown, 5842 Clemens avenue; infantry. Capt. Arnold C. Saxer, 3508 Pestalozzi street; infantry. First Lieutenant James C. Harris, 5933A Wells; field artillery. First Lieutenant Charles Rudolph Jr., 5793 Waerman avenue; infantry.

### 15 Second Lieutenants Going.

Second Lieutenants:  
John B. Abbott, 5449 Maple avenue; field artillery.

Emil L. Balfay, 729 Dover place; infantry.

Lee M. Brown, 5329A Waterman avenue; infantry.

William J. Carton, 4323 Westminster place; field artillery.

Alexander C. Howard, American Hotel; field artillery.

C. Earl Girdlin, 5290 Waterman avenue; infantry.

Fred L. Heath, Webster Groves; field artillery.

J. Norton Johnson, 5666 Kingsbury boulevard; field artillery.

Edward Klein, 7022 West Park avenue; field artillery.

John A. Long, 3510 Juniata street; infantry.

James A. Reid, 5024 Cates; field artillery.

Earl C. Sherry, 5933 Kingsbury place; field artillery.

John E. Scully, 4406 Lucky street; field artillery.

Rudolph von Gerichten, 4335 North Fourteenth street; infantry.

Clyde W. Wagner, 3816 Shenandoah avenue; field artillery.

Capt. Brown is 25 years old and a graduate of Virginia Military Institute. In civilian life he was a salesman.

Former Football Stars.  
Capt. Saxer was a First Lieutenant in the home guard previous to attending the training camp.

Among the Second Lieutenants are C. Earl Girdlin, son of W. A. Girdlin, Police Commissioner; Edward Klein, former University of Missouri football star, and Earl Sherry, a Central High School football star.

Many of the new officers commissioned in the field artillery were assigned to Camp Grant at Rockford, Ill., and Camp Pike, at Little Rock, Ark. The infantry officers were sent mainly to Camp Zachary Taylor at Louisville, Ky.

### NO VERDICT IN \$30,000 SUIT

Jury Fails to Agree in Action Against Terminal Association.

A jury in Circuit Judge Calhoun's Court yesterday failed to agree on a verdict in the case of Mrs. Minnie Jackson, 2031 Park avenue, who sued the Terminal Railroad Association for \$30,000 on account of the death of her husband, Ernest Jackson, 32 years old.

Jackson was employed by the Terminal as a fireman, and on the night of June 27, last, he fell through an opening in a trestle over Cahokia Creek on the East Side. His body was found the next day.

It was alleged that the Terminal was negligent in failing to have the opening guarded.

### CLUB OPENING IS DELAYED

Soldiers' and Sailors' Headquarters in Process of Remodeling.

The Soldiers and Sailors' Club which is being established by the club women of St. Louis at 1135-1137 Olive street, in the Post-Dispatch Building, for the entertainment of enlisted men of the army and navy in the city, had to postpone its informal opening yesterday because of delay in getting the rooms ready.

The date of the opening will be decided upon at a meeting of the Executive Board Tuesday morning by Mrs. J. Harrison Steedman, who is in charge.

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### RED CROSS MASS MEETING IN EAST ST. LOUIS TONIGHT

Churches Call Off Services and Members Are Invited to Rally: 500 Women to Aid in Drive.

Five hundred women will start work in East St. Louis tomorrow to get 50,000 members for the Red Cross during the Christmas campaign. Some will aid in the house-to-house canvass that was started Wednesday while others will work in booths at banks, hotels and office buildings.

Red Cross flags will wave from wagons, automobiles and street cars tomorrow. Merchants have started decorating their stores with flags and campaign ads.

A Red Cross mass meeting will be held in the auditorium of the East St. Louis High School, Ninth street and Ohio avenue, tonight. Church services have been called off and churchgoers have been urged to attend. A chorus of 500 will sing sacred and patriotic songs. Charles M. Hay, former Missouri State Senator, will speak. Pastors of the churches will be on the rostrum.

**Clerk of Lodge for 22 Years.**  
Gustave H. Belneke of Belleville, a member of Woodmen's Red Camp, No. 1362, Modern Woodmen of America, yesterday began his twenty-third year as clerk of the lodge. He was re-elected without opposition at the annual meeting Friday night. He is serving his fifteenth year as city clerk of Belleville.

For machinery of all kinds see the Post-Dispatch Want page offers.

### EAST SIDE JUSTICE HOLDS ST. LOUISAN AS WIFE DESERTER

Question of Jurisdiction Doesn't Disturb Court When Iron Molder Is Accused.

Justice of the Peace E. E. Clark of East St. Louis has announced himself as being harsh with wife deserters who come into his court. He bound W. R. Keegan, an iron molder, over to the St. Clair County Grand Jury on the charge even though Keegan, according to the testimony, deserted his wife in St. Louis, outside jurisdiction of Clark's court.

"Mrs. Keegan told of having been deserted."

"Where did your husband leave you?" Clark asked.

"In St. Louis at 2963 Finney avenue," Mrs. Keegan answered.

"Well, Keegan," Clark said, "I'll have to bind you over for the grand jury. Your bond is \$500." Keegan did not have a lawyer. He furnished bond.

**Masonic Secretary Retires.**  
After 30 years' service as secretary of Edwardsville Chapter No. 146, Royal Arch Masons, Thomas M. Crossman has retired, declining re-election. Officers for the year, chosen Friday night are: F. M. Campbell, H. P.; George W. Crossman, K.; Fred C. Gillham, S.; J. R. Sutter, treasurer; Geo. L. Moorman, secretary.

**T. R. Cheers Parents of 4 Soldiers.**  
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 15.—"Teddy" Roosevelt has just congratulated Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Doyle of this city, who have four sons in the United States army.

### MOVEMENT OF TRAINS HERE IS RETURNING TO NORMAL

Incoming Trains Arriving Near Scheduled Times and Fewer Persons Are Made to Wait to Depart.

Movement of trains at Union Station is returning to normal. Yesterday only about 10 per cent of the arriving trains were late, ranging from 5 minutes to 7 hours. About 5 per cent of the departing trains got away late and none were more than an hour late. In most cases, even with those that were late in departing, it was possible to place the cars on the tracks in the shed so that passengers could board them. It is expected that traffic will be about normal today.

President McChesney of the Terminal Railway Association said last night that the demoralization of traffic for several days was partly due to the fact that experienced railroad men who had gone into the army had been replaced by green men, who had not had time to learn how to do their work efficiently under adverse weather conditions.

**Woman, in Ill Health, Hangs Self.**  
Mrs. Homer L. Moore, 38 years old, hanged herself yesterday morning in the basement of her home, 3448 Illinois avenue. She had been in ill health. Her husband was asleep in the house. The family came here from Saline, Mo., four months ago.

### CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR EVERY SOLDIER AT CAMP DONIPHAN

Those Without Relatives Will Be Remembered — Detention Camp for Women.

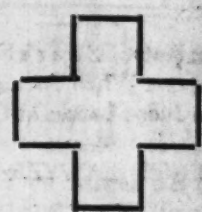
CAMP DONIPHAN, Ok., Dec. 15.—Every soldier at Camp Doniphan will receive a gift Christmas day. Men who have no relatives or friends who might send them presents from home will be supplied by outsiders who have been given the names of about 400 soldiers thus situated.

The Working Girls' Club of Cameron, Mo., notified the statistical officer here that its members would not give presents this year to their friends, but would send gifts to soldiers. Twenty names were sent to the club.

The Home Guard Corps at Cape Girardeau sent notice it would send a box to every man in L Company 140th Infantry, recruited at Cape Girardeau. Each package will contain woolen socks, handkerchiefs, home-made pastries and tobacco.

No Christmas furloughs will be allowed. A detention camp where women of the underworld will be interned will be opened at Lawton, probably on Wednesday. Military authorities and merchants of Lawton decided upon such a step to enhance sanitary conditions at the camp. A large farm house has been taken over and will be surrounded by a military guard.

Kentucky Bishop to Speak to Men, held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Church of the Redeemer, Washington and Euclid avenues. The of Kentucky, will speak on "The Challenge of Our Country."



## Red Cross Buttons Delayed

Owing to congested traffic the supply of Red Cross buttons for the campaign in St. Louis has been delayed.

The Red Cross Campaign Committee has designed a Red Cross tag that will be given to each man joining ---exchangeable for a Red Cross button later---

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THE HESS & CULBERTSON assortments have never been so complete and varied as at the present time. Every jewel—every watch—every piece of silverware—in fact, *everything* in the store has been carefully selected as regards its individuality and newness of design and finish. As many of our wares have been made exclusively for us, they *cannot* be duplicated, and make gifts of the utmost desirability.

The entire Hess & Culbertson personnel is prepared to serve you *promptly* this last week before Christmas, and we'll all be pleased to assist in the selection of *appropriate and sensible* gifts.

### Diamonds---The Greatest of All Gifts



Exquisite Diamond La Valliere—in artistic platinum design, with solitaire drop. \$205.00



Diamond Dinner Rings, new square mounting of platinum, set with fine white diamonds. \$269.00

Diamond Dinner Rings, wrought in exclusive platinum designs. Priced from \$75.00 to \$1500.00.



Elegant Diamond Brooches, designed in platinum, gifts of elegance. Priced \$10.00 to \$750.00.



New La Valliere—wrought in rich platinum, set with fine quality diamonds. \$85.00

Exquisite Diamond Bracelets, new and distinctive creations in platinum. Priced from \$13.50 to \$1250.00.

Diamond Dinner Rings, an exclusive platinum creation, of rare beauty. Price, \$315.00

Diamond Sleeve Buttons, for the gentleman, in solid gold and platinum. Priced \$7.50 to \$100.

### Bracelet Watches



Ladies' Bracelet Watches, as shown above, gold-filled case in attractive "cushion" shape; guaranteed 25 years; has new expansion bracelet; fitted with high-grade jeweled movement; price, \$26.00

Solid Gold Bracelet Watches, \$21.50 to \$130.00. Platinum and Diamond Bracelet Watches, \$200.00 to \$810.00.



Gentleman's Gold-Filled Watch, new octagon shape, fitted with high-grade jeweled movement. \$16.50

### Military Watches



Military Wrist Watch, as illustrated, wrist band of strong leather, case of nickel. Especially designed for field service. Fitted with accurately timed movement. Price, \$13.75

Other Men's Wrist Watches from \$8.75 to \$90.00. Radio Dial Military Wrist Watches, \$10.00 up.

### Suggestions In Fine Solid Gold Jewelry

Solid Gold Cameo Brooches.....\$5.00 to \$25.00  
Solid Gold Rosaries.....\$10.00 to \$57.00  
Solid Gold Rings.....\$2.50 to \$48.00  
Solid Gold Beauty Pins.....50c to \$3.00  
Solid Gold Hat Pins.....\$1.00 to \$10.00

Waldemar Chains (solid gold).....\$2.75 to \$75.00  
Solid Gold Tie Clips.....\$1.25 to \$5.00  
Solid Gold Scarf Pins.....\$1.25 to \$25.00  
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### BEGINNING TOMORROW, AND ALL NEXT WEEK

The thousands of shrewd Xmas shoppers will witness the most desperate, daring and unmerciful slaughtering of prices ever attempted. The full meaning of this startling and most extraordinary announcement is readily realized by the thousands who have attended this mighty sale during the past two weeks and jammed our store from morning until night. All reserve stocks have now been brought forth and will be on sale tomorrow. A terrific wind-up! Be sure to attend. No one will wisely miss it. Rand-McNally U. S. Parcel Post Rate Maps, in colors, with full instructions, showing the different zones and rates of parcel postage between important cities. Think of it! U. S. Colored Maps, size 22 by 27 inches, top and bottom metal bound. OUR 50c VALUE; **5c**

Thousands of fine Books will be sold as low as 5c, 10c and 15c on the dollar. Pretty Postal Cards, values up to 10c, only 1c. Tissue Paper, Games, Ink, Mucilage, Tally Cards, Bibles, Prayer Books, Office Supplies, etc., will be sold at prices to astonish all. All Fixtures such as Tables, large Money Safe, Typewriter, 3 Desks, Shelving, Electric Light Fixtures, etc., must be sold. We want your bid. See manager.

50-page Sales Books, note this price, only 1c each. Writing Paper, also Envelopes, values up to \$2.50 a box, now 35c. All Pocketbooks and other leather goods half-price and less. Be sure to attend. Remember the number.

**703 LOCUST STREET**



## JANUARY GRAND JURY DRAWN

President of Body for Madison County Circuit Court.

The Grand Jury for the January term of the Madison County Circuit Court was drawn yesterday at Edw. ville. It is composed of the following:

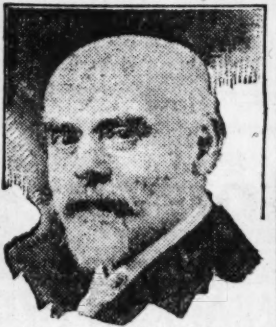
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## 36 EDWARDSVILLE LAWYERS TO AID EXEMPTION BOARD

Attorneys Will Attend in Relays of Six Each Day and Serve Without Pay.

In relays of six per day, 36 Edwardsville lawyers will serve free of charge every day, beginning Tuesday, that the Exemption Board at Edwardsville is in session. Each group will have a definite day and will serve on the same one each week in an advisory capacity to the board and the registrants. The assignments are as follows:

Tuesday—C. H. Burton, L. H. Buckley, M. L. Burroughs, M. D. Powell, D. G. Williamson, W. P. Sebastian. Wednesday—W. G. Burroughs, George D. Burroughs, A. U. Barco, F. H. Heisch, E. W. Bradshaw, B. G. Saturday—Judge George W. Crossman, Judge W. P. Early, Judge Henry B. Eaton, Judge J. E. Hills, Judge M. L. Geers, Thomas Williamson. Friday—J. F. Eeck, C. A. Geers, E. G. Hill, P. H. Hiles, George A. Lytle, C. Springer.

Saturday—Judge J. F. Gilliam, C. H. Lynch, D. H. Mudge, S. W. McKittrick, M. E. Newell, Frank E. Sebastian.

Monday—N. L. Ryder, L. J. Simpson, William M. P. Smith, C. W. Terrell, Judge B. R. Burroughs.

## NEGRO ATTACKS BENEFACTRESS

Phyllis Montgomery was attacked yesterday at her home on West St. Louis street, Edwardsville, by Abraham Owens, an aged negro, to whom she had given employment on his release from the penitentiary. She was passing through the kitchen, where he was eating dinner, when he sprang at her. In fighting him off the little finger of her right hand was broken.

Owens was arrested and taken before Magistrate Buckley. Miss Montgomery declined to prosecute on a more serious charge than assault and battery. The negro was given 60 days in jail.

## Banquet Money Given to Red Cross

The annual reunion and banquet of the Supervisors' Association of Madison County was called off yesterday. Philanthropizing that "you can't get a banquet nowadays for a dollar, anyhow," the members paid their dues, which are that equivalent, and distributed the year's receipts be turned over to the Red Cross.

## PAYS BALANCE DUE STATE FROM OFFICE HE LEFT LAST APRIL

Former East St. Louis City Clerk Says Hunting License Money Was on Deposit in Bank.

David M. Walsh, former City Clerk of East St. Louis, yesterday paid the balance of a sum of money he has owed the State for hunting and fishing licenses since he retired from office last April. He would not say how much the balance was. City officials said Walsh owed \$850 when he retired from office.

He sent the money to Attorney-General Brundage, who was investigating the case. Walsh said his failure to send the money to Springfield was an oversight. He said the money had been on deposit in the bank since he left office. He continued postponing sending it from time to time, he said.

Hunting and fishing licenses are issued by city and village clerks in Illinois. A commission is paid the clerks on each license they sell. Several thousand dollars' worth of licenses are sold in East St. Louis each year.

Defendant in Le Page Case Wins. A friendly suit to compel Henry J. Christophersen, former city treasurer and tax collector of Belleville, to pay \$257.40 to August M. Egmman, treasurer of the outlying school district of East St. Louis, based on one of Stephen LePage's transactions, was decided in favor of the defendant by Circuit Judge Crow yesterday.

Help Keep Boy's Mind in the right channel by sending him his favorite newspaper, the Post-Dispatch, by mail. Phone Olive 6600 or mail 6600.

## 10 EARS OF CORN BRING \$25

Proceeds of Premium Sale Given to St. Charles Red Cross Chapter.

Ten ears of corn, that won the grand prize at the St. Charles corn show, were sold at auction for \$25 to G. Staley, president of the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, at the close of the show yesterday. The second prize, ten ears were sold for \$6. The money will be given to the St. Charles chapter of the Red Cross for the Christmas fund.

The first prize ears were grown by John Barnes of West Alton, while the second prize was awarded to Judge Edward Hollrah of St. Charles County.

## TWO QUIT DRAFT BOARD POSTS

New President and Physician Are Named at Belleville.

Cyrus Thompson, president, and Dr. E. M. Irwin, physician of Local Draft Board, No. 2, of St. Clair County, with headquarters in Belleville, have been permitted to resign their posts. H. C. Schrader has been named to succeed Thompson and Dr. J. W. Twitwell to take Dr. Irwin's place.

The retiring members pleaded that their private affairs were suffering through lack of attention, and Thompson's health has been affected by the confining work of the board. Dr. Irwin is the St. Clair County representative of the Illinois State Health Commission.

Kern on Red Cross Committee. Fred J. Kern of Belleville was notified yesterday of his appointment as a member of the Illinois State Red Cross committee.

He is passing through the office of former Gov. Richard Yates, chairman of the committee.

## MADISON COUNTY OFFICIALS ASK FOR INCREASED PAY

Salaries, Fees and Clerk Hire Allocated to Supervisors Say.

A number of Madison county officials and their deputies presented petitions to the Board of Supervisors yesterday asking for increased pay. County Mine Inspector John Fletcher, of Collinsville, who gets \$1200 a year, merely asked for more money without suggesting any amount.

Sheriff Jenkin Jenkins, who gets in addition to his office fees, 40 cents a day for each prisoner's food, asked for 60 cents, citing the increase in the cost of bread and potatoes. Recorder of Deeds H. M. Sanders asks \$250 more for the special clerk hire fund.

Five deputy sheriffs, Jule C. Blake, Edward Hagman, Harry Gettinger, J. J. Jokers and Vernon D. Coone, asked raises of \$25 a month each. Deputy Circuit Clerks Simon Kellerman and Robert Richardson also asked \$25 per month more apiece.

Dies After Wagon Trip to Hospital. Ludwig Hennrich, 28 years old, of New Athens, Ill., died yesterday at St. Vincent Hospital, Belleville. He had been ill for several years. Friday when his condition became worse, it was decided to place him in the hospital. It was impossible to run an automobile through the snow drifts, and the four-mile trip was made with a wagon. Exposure on the trip is believed to have hastened the end.

At Belleville. Arthur W. Steiner, Belleville; Mollie D. Hutton, Belleville; Claude R. Cox, Marion, Ill.; Elizabeth Tippy, Marion, Ill.

## 3224 ENROLLED IN RED CROSS

St. Clair County Will Try to Obtain 15 Per Cent of Population.

St. Clair County's campaign for a membership in the American Red Cross Society of 15 per cent of its population will be opened tomorrow morning. To date there are 3,224 members enrolled.

The county has a population of about 130,000, but East St. Louis is affiliated with the St. Louis chapter.

## and the 15 per cent of 130,000 persons will have to be raised from the remaining 60,000 residents of Belleville and the county.

Druggist Fined \$50 and Costs. Walter Michaels, proprietor of a drug store in Belleville, was fined \$50 and costs yesterday on a charge of violating the Illinois Drug Law. Michaels pleaded guilty. It was charged that he is the only licensed pharmacist at his store. It was his second offense.



## THE CRIME OF THE AGE

Is the selling of Spectacles and Eyeglasses by incompetent opticians who call themselves doctors and others. None of these men are physicians. Ask them for their license to practice medicine in Missouri.

NOTHING IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN EYESIGHT. I AM a physician, oculist and optician and have practiced for many years in St. Louis. That I have been successful is attested by more than \$4,000 unsolicited references. If your eyes are diseased I will care for them, and should glasses be needed, I will prescribe and make them correctly, and the total cost for treatment and glasses will not exceed the price of a pair of glasses that may do irreparable injury to your eyes. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. I am both the oculist and the optician.

\$1.50 BI-FOCAL LENSES \$1.50. For far and near seeing—two pairs of glasses in one. The usual price is from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per pair.

\$1.05 A splendid rimless Eyeglass mounting: a clever imitation of the Shur-On; this week at \$1.05 a pair.

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This beautiful genuine Diamond Ring, chanced 14k gold mounting, special at \$40.00	A wonderfully brilliant Diamond in 14k solid gold Flat Belcher Mounting, special; \$27.50	A remarkably white genuine Diamond of extraordinary brilliancy and fire—a beautiful size, any style mounting desired; see this bargain! It's worth \$50.00—special; \$300.00	Genuine Coral Cameo Ring, set with 2 white genuine diamonds of good size; very handsome gold mounting; special. \$25

## Our Toilet—Manicure—Military Sets—Shaving Stands

Genuine Diamond Ring, 14k solid gold mounting, special; \$7.50	Genuine Diamond Ring, 14k solid gold mounting, special; \$65.00	Genuine Diamond Ring, 14k solid gold mounting, special; \$25.00	Genuine Diamond Ring, 14k solid gold mounting, special; \$10.00	Genuine Diamond Ring, 14k solid gold mounting, special; \$57.50

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## Useful and Everlasting Gifts

Men's Oval Watch—fine jeweled lever, 15-jewel movement, radio dial and hands; \$15.00	Men's Strap Watch—full jeweled lever movement, radio dial and hands; \$11.00	Watch Bracelets full jeweled; lever movement; guaranteed 20-year case and bracelet; perfect timepiece; special; \$12.75	Genuine Coral Cameo Ring, 14k solid gold mounting; special; \$6.50	Men's Sterling or solid gold fob from Belt Buckle, with real leather belt; special; \$2.95

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Baby Bracelets.....\$1 to \$7.50	Ladies' Wrist Watches, \$3 to \$100	Men's Sets, Cuff Links, Scarf Pin and Tie Clasp.....\$2.50 to \$25
Men's Vest, Walderman or Coat Chains.....\$1 to \$3.75	Gold-Filled and Solid Gold Knives.....\$1 to \$25	Dinner Rings, set with brilliants, \$2 to \$20
La Vallieres.....\$1.50 to \$3.75	Pearl Strands.....\$1 to \$50	Genuine Diamond Rings.....\$3.75 to \$500
Everything in Cut Glass; all prices	Solid Gold Signet and Set Rings.....\$2.50 to \$40	Shaving Stands.....\$2.50 to \$25
Scarf Pins.....50c to \$1.50	Safety Razor Sets.....\$1 to \$10	Silver, Ebony and French Ivory Toilet, Manicure, Military Sets. A stock not equaled anywhere; at all prices.
Cigarette Cases.....\$2.50 to \$25	Sterling and Gold Handled Silk Umbrellas.....\$3.75 to \$20	
Brooches.....\$1 to \$2.50	French Ivory and Silver Clocks.....\$2.50 to \$15	
Men's Belt Buckles, \$1 to \$20		
Military Wrist Watches, \$3.50 to \$40		

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With 12 selections on 6 75c 10-inch Victor Records  
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Oak  
With 12 selections on 6 75c 10-inch Victor Records  
\$44.50  
\$1.00 Per Week  
Type VIIIa, \$45.00

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**VICTROLA XVI, \$215**  
Mahogany or Oak  
Let us send you 3 or 4 doz. records with this instrument. Arrangements for payment to suit you.

**VICTROLA XIV, \$165**  
Mahogany or Oak  
With 24 selections on 12 10-inch 75c Victor Records  
\$178.50  
Small monthly payments if desired.



## CAROL SINGERS TO COVER CITY ON CHRISTMAS EVE

125 Groups Have Been Formed for Annual Feat of Children's Aid Society.

Yuletide cheer will be spread throughout St. Louis on Christmas Eve by the Carol Singers of the Children's Aid Society. Some of the children for whose benefit the carolers will sing have fathers in France, or in the army cantonnements.

The Sunday schools and public schools are training for the carol singing. One hundred and twenty-five groups have been formed and have selected their routes, which will be in every part of the city. The Froebel School, with 15 bands, and the Ben Blewett Junior High School with eight bands lead the city. University City will have many bands under the leadership of Mrs. Frederick Britton. Friedens Evangelical Bible School leads the Sunday schools, having six groups. Park View will be covered by four groups from the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, under the leadership of Mrs. Dorsey Jamison and Miss Margaret Sharp.

Bethel Evangelical Sunday School will have three groups, under the leadership of Mr. C. A. Weida, who will sing in the North End. Christ Church Cathedral singers are being trained by Mrs. Lewis Rumsey and will sing on Lindell and West Pine.

chaperoned by Mrs. Broddix. The Christmas Carol Committee has the assistance of Mrs. Isaac Hedger, chairman of the Music Committee; Arthur Leiber, Miss Alice Pittingill and Charles Galloway; Otto Kreyling and his group of "Christian Knights" will sing for the old folks in the Home of the Friendless. Miss Francina Dickey will lead the group who sing at the Altemheim.

## C. OF C. WAR TAX COMMITTEE

Department Rulings and Court Decisions to Be Kept on File.

The personnel of the new War Tax Committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce was announced yesterday as follows: P. Taylor Bryan, chairman; W. Palmer Clarkson, Edward Hiden, Sam E. Jeffries, Frederick N. Judson, Scott R. de Kins, secretary.

The committee will obtain and keep on file for the use of members of the Chamber of Commerce the rulings of the Internal Revenue Department, the service of the Corporation Trust Co. of New York, and to follow very carefully the decisions which may be handed down by the courts on the various sections of the law. The law and rulings of the Internal Revenue Department will be catalogued and indexed so that information can be given without delay.

## McCord in Federal Service; MADE A LIEUTENANT-COLONEL

Will Be Succeeded as Adjutant-General by Lieutenant-Colonel A. V. Adams, Disbursing Officer.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 15.—Adjutant-General James H. McCord has been transferred from the State to Federal service, and was sworn into the regular army with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel at Jefferson Barracks. He will be succeeded as Adjutant-General by Lieutenant-Colonel A. V. Adams, who has been acting as Federal disbursing officer in Missouri.

Col. McCord has been assigned to duty as chief executive officer for the administration of the selective draft law in Missouri, and will have entire supervision over that work in this State.

Col. McCord is the head of a large wholesale grocery concern, and left his business to come to Jefferson City and take charge of the State military establishment when Brigadier-General Arthur B. Donnelly was drafted from the Adjutant-General's office into the Federal service with the Missouri National Guard.

School Pageant for Red Cross. A Christmas pageant for the benefit of the Red Cross will be given Wednesday evening by the Baden School at Oberbeck's Hall, 7945 North Broadway.

## PERSHING URGES HIS TROOPS TO INVEST IN FRENCH LOAN

Proclamation of Commander Tightens Bonds of Friendship Between Two Nations.

By Associated Press. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 15.—Further evidence of the continued warm friendship between the American and the French forces is shown by the aid Gen. Pershing is giving to make the third French war loan a success. The bonds are being sold to yield 5.33 per cent, and may be paid for in instalments. In a proclamation to the American expeditionary force Gen. Pershing says:

"As allies of the French, their interest in the success of this loan is our own. A liberal response to their plea will mean much to our glorious allies. There were many French subscriptions to our Liberty Loan. The careful consideration of the French loan as an investment is urged on all members of the American expeditionary force. The Commander in Chief will be much gratified to have liberal subscriptions made by the members of his command."

In appreciation of this proclamation, Gen. Ragnan, chief of the French military mission, sent Gen. Pershing the following letter:

"The cordial spirit of your plea, which reasserts the close union be-

tween our countries and conveys a pleasing compliment to the work already done by France, will be highly appreciated by the French Government and the general Commander in Chief.

## CITY COAL HAULERS GET RAISE

Beginning Tomorrow They Will Receive \$1 a Ton.

Team owners who have contracts to haul coal from railroad yards to city institutions informed Supply Commissioner Thomas yesterday that, beginning tomorrow, they would demand \$1 a ton for the work. This will be an increase of 25 cents a ton over the present rate.

Thomas agreed to grant the raise, which the team owners explained was necessary because of the higher cost of feed and the difficulty of hauling in the winter. The contractors are Henry Schuettenberg, Wurst Coal and Hauling Co. and the Heineke Coal Co.

## DICTATES HER FUNERAL PLANS

Woman Names Young Men as Pallbearers Because of Bad Weather.

Mrs. Elizabeth Friday, 52 years old, mother of Fire Warden Edward Friday of Granite City, died Friday night at his home, 241-G street. She was stricken with a serious illness while visiting him.

She was a member of the Madison County Old Settlers' Association and the last meeting was the only one she had missed in more than 25 years. When she realized Friday that the end was imminent she made all arrangements for the funeral, dictating complete plans. As the weather was bad she stipulated that the six old friends she had chosen as pallbearers should serve in an honorary capacity and named six young men to take the active duties. Her funeral will be this afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. John's M. E. Church in Edwardsville, her home city.

Trade that camera for a shotgun through the Post-Dispatch Want Columns.

## LORD CECIL DENIES BRITAIN ASKED FOR GERMAN WAR AIMS

Brands as Untrue Berlin Statement Such a Move Was Made by Government Last September.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—With reference to the German Government's statement that it had received September a neutral Government last September an inquiry in regard to its war aims under circumstances indicating that the inquiry was made with the sanction of the British Government, the Daily Chronicle prints a statement from Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, branding the whole thing as untrue.

No such inquiry was ever made with the knowledge and sanction of the British Government. Lord Robert Cecil's statement declares, and adds that no secret approaches of any sort were ever made relating to German war aims.

In conclusion, Lord Robert Cecil declared that the German Government's statements were untrue and pure invention.

## HARP SOLOIST TO PLAY HERE

Enrico Tramonti to Appear at Chaminade Choral Club's Concert.

Enrico Tramonti, for several years harp soloist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, under Theodore Thomas, will be the soloist of the Chaminade Choral Club's concert Wednesday night at Webster Groves. He will play numbers by several of the most noted composers, including Hasselmann's, Godofred and Oberthur.

The club will give several classical and popular selections under the direction of Leo Miller, with Miss Gladys Stevenson as accompanist. Mrs. Rose Gaynor Faith will sing the incidental solo with Nicolai's "Woodland Sprites."

Asks Police to Buy War Stamps. Chief of Police Young yesterday issued a request to all members of the department to interest themselves in thrift war stamps, to invest in them and be prepared to spread information about them.

## Get the one supreme home gift this year ---a Player-Piano---and get it through Vandervoort's Special Christmas plan

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Put a Player-Piano in your home—so that every member of the family can have the personal pleasure of producing music for themselves. More than half the enjoyment in music is had in procuring it for one's self. One prefers to produce music, rather than to listen to it. For one always plays what they are in a mood to hear and when they are music hungry.

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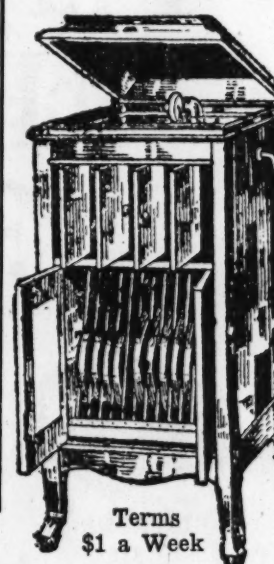
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6. If the purchaser dies before the Player has been paid for all remaining payments will be cancelled and the legal heirs of the deceased will be given a receipt in full for the Player, providing all payments have been paid when due.
7. Included with each and every player piano purchased under this plan is a library of \$12 worth of music rolls, your own selection, a beautiful player piano bench, scarf and a free course of music instructions without extra charge.

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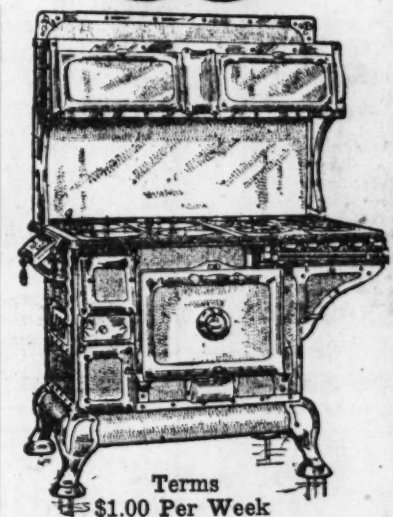


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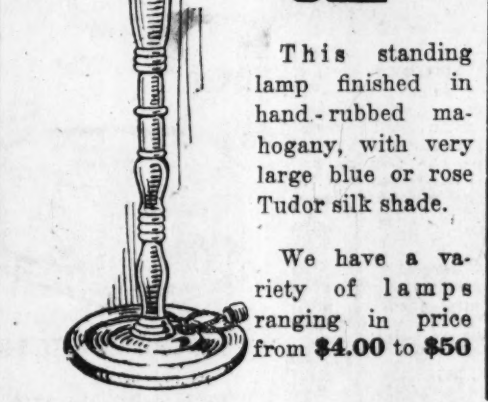


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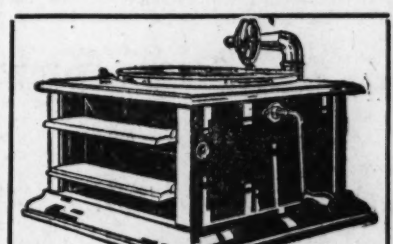
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Terms \$2.00 per month

The Grafonola has all the Columbia features, and plays 10 or 12 inch records. In oak or mahogany finish.

We will allow \$18.00 for this Grafonola within one year from date of purchase as part payment on a larger Grafonola.

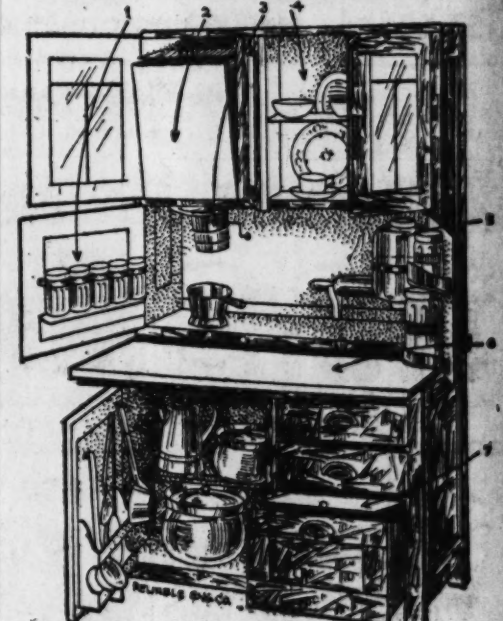


## This Columbia GRAFONOLA \$18.00

Exactly as pictured. This sanitary oak cabinet has 7 distinctive features as follows: This Cabinet in your home means a systematic kitchen and many miles useless walking saved each year. Note the special features below enumerated.

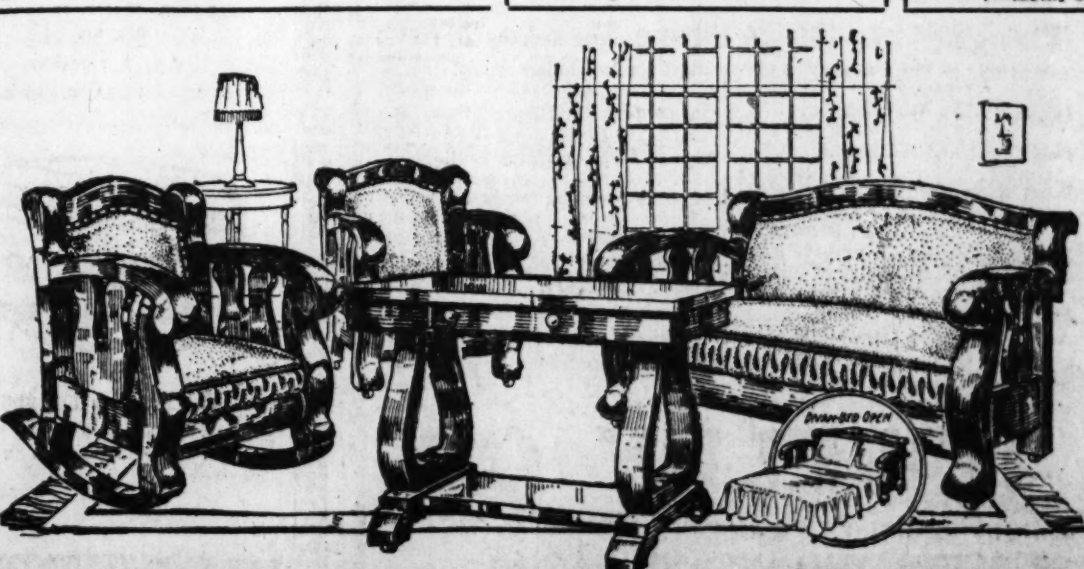
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- 2—Large sanitary flour barrel.
- 3—Adjustable flour sifter.
- 4—White enamel cupboard.
- 5—Glass feature sugar jar.
- 6—Nickeloid sliding door.
- 7—Metal bread and cake box.

## This \$35 CABINET, \$21.75



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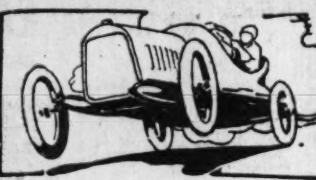
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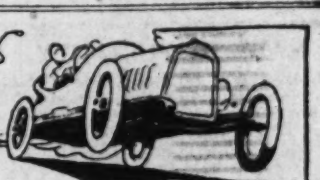
## \$95.00 Davenette Suite \$58.75

Exactly as pictured. We have just 8 of these Suites, in beautiful hand-rubbed and hand-polished mahogany finish, covered in finest grade of brown Spanish morocco leather. Finest steel construction, guaranteed 15 years. Special only while these 8 Suites last. Price does not include table.





# AUTOMOBILE NEWS



## GROWTH IN ONE YEAR REQUIRES NEW HOME

Marking its first anniversary, the Harry Newman corporation made several announcements yesterday that give best evidence of its growth during the year that has elapsed since the doors were first opened on December 15, 1916.

The company has far outgrown its present quarters at Lindell Cut-off and Channing and Mr. Newman said that he is now negotiating for a large building that would be well suited for both the sales and service departments. The used car business has necessitated new quarters and beginning this week will be located at 314-15-16 Leffingwell. The location of the new permanent home is not ready for announcement as several sites are under consideration.

## FORD LOCKING DEVICE.

A new device for locking Ford cars is known as the Corner-Ford Locking Device. The device is simple, effective and its selling price is within the reach of any Ford owner.

The system of locking the car is to push the crank handle into clutch with the crank shaft, looking it there, thus firmly holding the crank shaft from turning.

An added feature supplied with each device is a bracket for the front State license plate, that every car owner must display from Feb. 1, 1918. The Universal Supply Co. of 606 Olive street are acting as agents for the business section.

## CAR HELPS MAN DO WORK OF SEVERAL

"I know three firms who employ from 10 to 20 salesmen covering Detroit and suburban territory," said a Dodge Brothers official. "Most of these salesmen are within the draft age. These firms have already discarded a lot of at least a third of their force and the possibility of having to take on untrained men by furnishing their older salesmen with passenger cars. These men have already demonstrated their ability to make six times as many calls and have practically tripled their orders at a much decreased cost by the use of passenger cars."

"I can cite another interesting instance where service men are utilized in the dual capacity of salesmen. A big phonograph house has the custom of sending a mechanic at certain intervals to adjust instruments and forestall any possible service complaints. Later this firm developed the idea of having the mechanic suggest a list of trial orders on the new popular records. This plan worked out so successfully that it not only cut out the service expense, but actually brought in a profit."

## VELIE SPORT MODEL NEW.

The term "sport model" has been applied to many cars of many types, but Velie has created a model strictly "sporty" in all particulars.

It is low and close to the ground, with a powerful six-cylinder motor and four-speed transmission. The exhaust pipes extend through the hood and sweep back to the rear in approved racing style.

The body seats four and is fitted with run-G-boards. There is a smart victoria top over the rear seat only. At six or sixty the Velie sport model behaves like a veteran. The demand has exceeded expectations. The model is being shown by the Velie Automobile Co. of St. Louis, at 3021 Locust street.

## NEW MOTOR LAWS REGULATE LIGHTS, PROHIBIT CUT-OUT

Branch License Offices for Kansas City and St. Louis, License Price Doubled, Effective Feb. 1, 1918, Two Plates Required.

Secretary of State Sullivan of Missouri has given out the following information with reference to the new motor vehicle law which will take effect Feb. 1, 1918:

All certificates of registration, number plates and chauffeur badges issued for use during 1917, expire on Jan. 31, 1918, and should be renewed on or before Feb. 1.

Application blanks for 1918 will be mailed to all members who have registered automobiles during 1917. Should your blank fail to reach you make application for same on Jan. 1, 1918. It is not necessary that the application be sworn to.

Applications will be received on and after Jan. 1, 1918, but not prior thereto.

## Two License Plates Used.

By filling out your application and forwarding to the Secretary of State, Jefferson City, during the month of January, you can save money for the good road fund, avoid congestion in the department, enabling you to receive your number plate during February.

Do not forget to give the motor number of your automobile. The new law requires an index to be kept by this department according to motor numbers. This to aid in the location of stolen cars.

The registration fee has doubled the registration fee. Such fee is prorated, however. To illustrate: The annual registration fee for a 22-horsepower car is \$5. If application for registration is made after Aug. 1, one-half of the annual fee only shall be paid; if application is made after Nov. 1, one-fourth of the annual fee shall be paid.

The registration fee for a dealer is \$10. Extra plates \$5 per set. Two number plates will be issued during 1918; one for the front and one for the rear of each motor vehicle. Motor cycles and motor tricycles shall display but one plate on the rear thereof.

The fee for registration of a chauffeur is \$150.

## Lights Must Be Dimmed.

All automobiles while in use on the public highways, shall carry on the front at least two lighted lamps, not exceeding 36-candlepower each, showing white lights visible under normal atmospheric conditions, at least 500 feet in the direction towards which the car is facing. Such lights to produce sufficient light to reveal objects 150 feet ahead, and adjusted and directed so that on level ground the main shaft of clear condensed light shall be projected straight forward, no portion of it above the level of the lamp, nor more than 42 inches above the ground; such adjustment and direction to be permanently maintained.

Electric headlights shall have the entire inside surface of their door glasses etched or ground to such a degree that the lights shall appear blurred, and the light emitted diffused and free from brilliant or metallic luster. One red light to be carried on rear of all automobiles.

Drillable headlights shall not be used on the public highways within cities or towns, except in emergency, or when the headlights are inadequate, and then only providing the shaft of condensed light is directed downward below the middle of the lamp and at no time into the eyes of persons. Searchlights may be used on public highways outside the limits of towns or cities, provided the light is directed downward.

Muffler cutouts shall not be used. Any cutout or opening in the exhaust pipe, between the engine or muffler on any car, shall be completely closed and disconnected from its operating lever, and so arranged that it cannot automatically open or be operated while the car is in motion.

To Prevent Stealing.

Before purchasing a used or second-hand automobile, require the owner or dealer to turn over to you the certificate of registration and metal tag. Examine the factory or motor number on the car to see that it corresponds with the number given on the certificate of registration. If they do not correspond, do not purchase the car.

If the owner of a second-hand car claims the registration certificate has been lost or misplaced, do not purchase such car until he produces from this department a duplicate certificate and turns the same over to you with the metal tag when he delivers the car. Have nothing to do with a car which has the motor number chiseled off, obliterated or covered. Do not rely on the metal tag alone, because there are hundreds of lost and stolen tags in the State which have been switched to other cars.

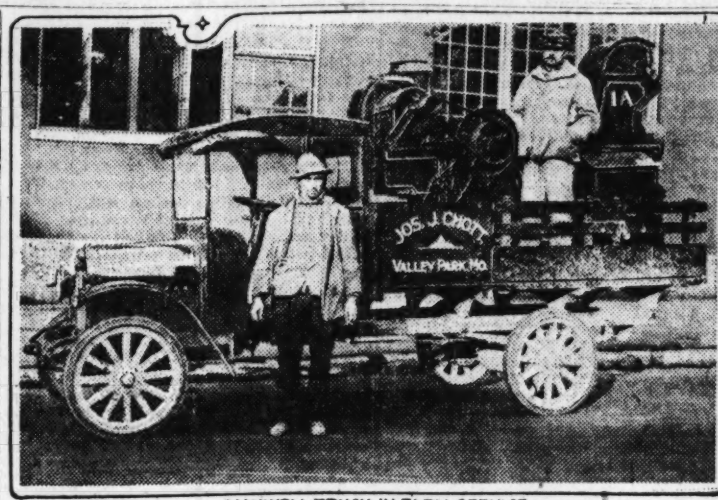
If purchasers of second-hand cars will heed the advice given above by this department, it will break the nefarious traffic in stolen cars, save the State thousands of dollars in registry fees and an incalculable amount of trouble and expense to innocent purchasers.

Branch offices will be opened in St. Louis and Kansas City for distribution of license plates to residents of these cities. Location and date of opening of such offices will be announced through the press. To facilitate matters, residents of these cities are requested to have blanks properly filled out before presenting for license plates.

In future the city license will be one half the amount paid for State license.

EAGER FOR WINTER TOPS

The cold snap of the last few days has given an impetus to the winter top business in St. Louis, especially



MAXWELL TRUCK IN FARM SERVICE.

## TRUCK PUT TO HARD USE

Last week, Chott Brothers of Valley Park, just out of St. Louis, drove their Maxwell one-ton truck from their farm to the branch of the Weber Implement and Auto Co. in East St. Louis, 18 miles, loaded with 2955 pounds of wheat, the total weight with the two men being well over 3000 pounds.

for roadsters and small touring cars that are used for service purposes. The Vesper Butck Auto Co. has received additional shipments, and have been forced to reorder an additional supply of winter tops.

"We never experienced as much inquiry for winter tops as we have had in the last few days," said E. R. Stewart, sales manager of the company, in discussing the matter, "and it is not confined to the larger towns, but we are getting them from the country, indicating that the farmer expects to use his car pretty generally during the winter instead of laying it up, as has been the case in the past. Of course, wet, muddy roads have their contrary influence, but present roads and snow does not stop the use of the automobile, and with the winter top it becomes an all-year-round vehicle. We have shipped winter tops to points this year that we have never had inquiry from before, and it has kept us busy getting them here to supply the demand."

## WILL SELL CROW-ELKHART

The Bleck Automobile Co. has taken the agency for St. Louis and territory for the Crow-Elkhart car, this in addition to the Glide car which will still be handled. The company has just completed the remodeling of its big garage building at 2914-16 North Grand avenue, and has installed a handsome salesroom. The Crow-Elkhart five-passenger touring car sells for \$955, the Crowleaf roadster for \$995.

## WHEN YOUR SPRINGS BREAK

PUT A NEW SPRING ON

HERE IN STOCK FOR YOUR CAR NOW

JENKINS VULCAN SPRING CO.,

1402 Chestnut St., St. Louis

## SAFETY LIES IN EQUALIZED BRAKES

Right now is a time of year when automobile brakes are especially valuable, safety itself depending upon their being in good order on all occasions.

Benefits other than a sense of security accrue to the motorist who knows that his brakes are right, for then he can make use of his motor's maximum power, certain that reliable brakes will respond to his touch. Moreover, the non-skid properties of his tires may be depended upon to do their full duty.

"Safety, convenience, economy, all are dependent more or less upon the efficiency of a car's braking apparatus," says A. N. Stanley, local branch manager of the Fisk Rubber Co.

"Tire economy, especially on hardened or slippery roads, can be governed by breaking efficiency. Make sure both brakes take hold with equal effectiveness, keep your brake linings clean and dry, and use moderation in applying your brakes. Never apply them so suddenly that your wheels become locked, causing the car to

actually slide over the road by its own momentum. "I have seen tires with a section the size of a man's hand gouged out of the tread when uneven brake tension caused one wheel to lock and slide while the other rolled. Let the wheels keep turning, but under the slacking pressure of the brake, and your car will be brought to a standstill more quickly, in greater safety and without detriment to tires."

## Denatured Alcohol

Buy from our store and save money.  
Price \$1.25 Per Gallon—\$1.10 in 5-Gallon Quantities  
(These Prices Do Not Include Containers.)

**WOLFF-WILSON DRUG CO.**  
SIXTH AND WASHINGTON

## Holiday Gifts

YOU will find many pleasing Gifts in this booklet which we have just issued, describing a number of automobile necessities that will make sensible holiday remembrances and increase the pleasure of winter driving.

Send for your copy today.

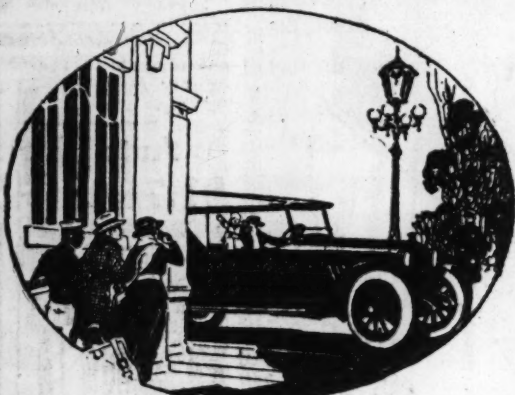
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The Comfort Car

The Hupmobile suggests comfort the moment you see it. Whether you ride or drive, you feel its uncommon comfort from the instant the clutch softly takes hold.

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## Hupmobile



Your Automobile  
— Plus —

Blackmore  
Door-Opening  
Curtains

— Equals — a Closed Car

These patented curtains as made and fitted by our shop make any car as snug and storm-proof as a house—but they must be fitted right.

## Hood and Radiator Covers

The highly efficient cooling systems of modern cars require protection during cold weather—which is best supplied through the use of a close-fitting hood and radiator cover. Our men are experts in tailoring to fit covers for each individual car—and prices are no more than the cheaper ready-made type. If you haven't one, order one quick to save gas, oil and probably a big repair bill.

## Primers

Here is a practical gift. Imperial Primers give a car that "shot-in-the-arm" when they are cold and will not start. For all cars, price, \$6.00 complete.

## Robes

A few genuine Gilesgary fringed and steamer rugs still left \$7.75 at the special price of.

## Gloves

Here's a chance to give yourself or some one else a dandy Christmas present—warm driving gloves at much below regular price—see them.

Windshield Cleaners, Weed Chains, Macbeth Lenses, and other reasonable motoring necessities.

**Vehicle Top & Supply Co.**  
Everything from Top to Tires  
3414-16-18 Lindell Avenue.

Official service station for Remy Electric Co. Houck Wire Wheels, Stromberg Carburetors, Goodyear Tires and Rims.

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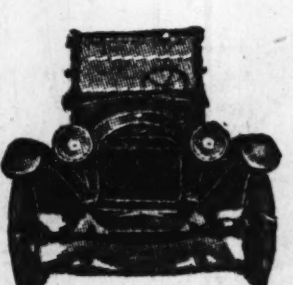


# Ride As You Buy

You've always wanted her to have a car—you know it will mean health and happiness for all of you—the wife, the kiddies and yourself.

And you needn't hunt for an excuse to buy; for to operate a CHEVROLET costs less than riding the "jitney".

2 Cents a Mile Will Do It

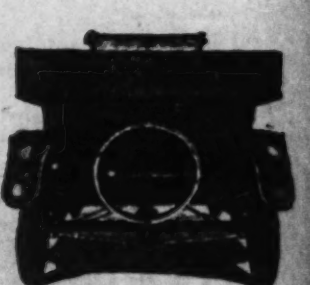


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## MADE BY PUBLICITY.

J. Hauvette Michelin, head of the American Michelin tire organization, in announcing last week that 91 per cent of the Michelin employees subscribed to the second Liberty Loan, spoke in optimistic terms of the future of the tire business.

The Michelin company is just completing its tenth year on this side of the Atlantic, and its third year since the introduction of the Universal tread, an entirely new type of casing, that met with instant success and which is enjoying ever increasing popularity.

Of the new tire Michelin paid a great tribute to American methods of merchandising, and to the advanced methods of advertising in this country, and to the great power of the American press, including national publications, and especially local newspapers. Mr. Michelin pointed out that after only three years of vigorous advertising the extra weight of the Michelin Universal and its high quality rubber and fabric are matters of almost universal knowledge, and the fact that made the Michelin Red Rubber Inner Tube is the only one made in a circular form like the casing itself is now known in almost every American household.

## HOW TO DRAIN RADIATORS

Covering "cold" weather treatment for an automobile, the Moon Motor Car Co. of St. Louis has issued a circular to its dealers telling them to advise owners of cars to carefully drain the radiator when the temperature is below the freezing point. One paragraph in the circular is significant. It says:

"Draining the motor at the pet

cock at the bottom of the water pump

lowers the water to the level of the

intake pipe only, leaving about three

quarts of water in the water jacket.

If this freezes the cylinder block

cracks at the base of the water jack-

et on line with the drain plugs, and

it is impossible to successfully weld

such a crack.

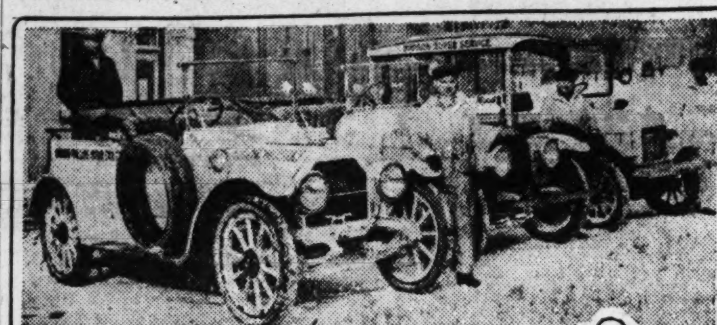
"Your owners should be told to re-

move the drain plug in the motor in

addition to opening the drain cock

in the water pump. Let the water all

out if you want to be certain."



HUDSON SERVICE PATROL

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In introducing the service patrol in St. Louis the Hudson-Phillips Motor Car Co. adopted a service feature that met with the instant approval of every 1000 owners of their cars in this city. In order to increase the efficiency of this outside service it was found necessary to add two more service patrols, bringing the total up to three. It is the intention of the

## ROADSTER IN DEMAND.

The year 1918 is to be the year of the roadster in the opinion of many keen observers of the automobile situation.

"Did you ever notice," asks J. C. Kardell, Dort distributor in St. Louis, "how comparatively few touring cars you see carrying more than three passengers? Stand on the corner and

count them. There is nothing attractive about empty seats and that's the reason why cars like the Dort Fleur de Lis are increasingly popular. With a spacious rear seat for one adult or two children, it is the ideal car for small families or parties."

## Had to Eliminate Squeaks.

"It takes unusual ingenuity to so construct a detachable top that rattles or squeaks will not develop with use," says Harry Neuman of the Kissel Kar.

"In originating his two-cars-in-one idea, Kissel realized that if he was to secure a close fit with a graceful blending of the top and body, it would be necessary to construct the open body so that the detachable top would practically dovetail as though actually built into the body. The open Gibraltar model was the result."

## REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE URGES LEWIS TO RETURN TO ST. LOUIS

E. G. Lewis formerly of St. Louis, but now in Atascadero, Cal., has been invited by the St. Louis Real Estate Exchange to return to this city to rehabilitate his plants in University City.

On January 23, last, the Exchange sent Lewis a telegram in which he was urged to return to St. Louis and at a special meeting of the Board of Directors last week, this invitation was renewed in the form of a resolution, in which it was stated "that the St. Louis Real Estate Exchange pledges its loyal support to said E. G. Lewis personally, and to his enterprises, and urges him to move to St. Louis at the earliest possible moment pledging him its hearty and active support and its earnest co-operation."

The new postal law establishing zones for second class mail matter, makes St. Louis the logical place for the publication of magazines and periodicals," Lewis says in a letter to the exchange. "I have had this matter up for some time with a number of big periodical publishers in the East, and have reason to believe that, if matters are properly shaped up, at least six of the big fellows, whose journals have circulations up in the millions, will move to St. Louis and combine with me in establishing in our great plains there, the largest periodical publishing business in the world, with its several journals, reaching into the millions of American homes from coast to coast and from Canada to Mexico."

## JULIUS HALLER REALTY CO. MERGES WITH CITY TRUST CO.

The Julius Haller Real Estate Co. has consolidated with the real estate department of the City Trust Co. at 1132 Washington avenue.

Julius Haller has been elected real estate officer of the trust company and Alfred D. Ruth secretary and treasurer of the Haller company, assistant real estate officer.

They announce that they made this move in order to give their clients the added facilities of the trust company.

Haller has been identified with the real estate business in St. Louis for 25 years, having made his start with the Henry Hiemenz Jr. Realty Co., and has a record of large business to his credit.

He is a member of the Board of Aldermen, of which he was formerly president. Ruth, who has been in the business for a number of years, is one of the most aggressive members of the fraternity.

All the employees of the Haller Real Estate Co. will be retained by the City Trust Co.

## REAL ESTATE AGENTS' REPORTS OF THEIR SALES

JOHN C. GREULICH & SONS, REALTY CO.

The John C. Greulich Realty Co. reports the sale of 2104 1/2 North Broadway, a corner improved with three stores and flats above to William E. Giesbeck and wife for \$7500. The Greulich company will retain the agency of this property as chairman is leaving the city.

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## TIRE MAKERS RAISING OWN LONG FIBER COTTON

Cotton forms a large part of an automobile tire, and as only the very best grades of long staple cotton can be used for this purpose, on account of the fineness and strength of fiber demanded, the tire industry has greatly stimulated the culture of long staple cotton.

For several years the production of long staple cotton declined, largely because of the more favorable natural conditions and greater skill required, than in the growing of the short staple varieties, the higher requirements as to uniformity of quality and the ravages of the boll weevil. So that cotton growers have been somewhat backward about planting the long staple, particularly since its culture cannot be maintained by ordinary cotton-farming methods.

These conditions, coupled with the difficulties of securing the overseas product, impelled the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. to undertake the development of a cotton plantation, in the hope that the variable qualities of the open market cottons might be overcome and that a future supply might be insured for the company's products.

So a tract of 28,000 acres in the Salt Valley, near Phoenix, Ariz., was purchased, and 6000 acres put under cultivation this year. This particular region was selected because of the successful Government cotton-growing activities, carried on there for a number of years, as an experiment.

## MOTOR TRUCK TO SOLVE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

On all sides the question of freight congestion in its many and varied forms is one of the most perplexing before the business public. The railroads of the country are not only seeking new business, but are actually diverting business in many cases

and discouraging it in others. This condition is not only due to the war, but it is due to the rapidly developing business in all lines. The one solution to this problem today is the use of the motor truck. As a matter of fact in some instances at least the railroads have actually requested their shippers to use trucks for the shorter hauls in order to relieve them that they might be able to take care of freight on the long haul.

But the short haul is only an indication of the possibilities of the motor truck and what its aid will be in the handling of the freight and commerce of this country. Already one of our large tire manufacturers is running a truck from Akron, O., to Boston with new tires and returning with fabric—and this train which was originally started as an experiment now demonstrates that it can not only save money as compared with the rates to and from its points, but that there is a saving of one full day in the service. Think for just a moment of the tremendous significance of this fact! Think what it forecasts!

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## AUTO NEWS and GOSSIP

Frank J. Neuman of the Commercial Unit Co. of Philadelphia, who are members of the Hartford Truck Unit, will be in charge at the St. Louis show. He is looking for a representative for the St. Louis district.

C. H. Shuptrine has been sent to Kansas City to take charge there of the branch house of the Bittel-Lewis Co. of St. Louis.

G. F. Nadder, special representative of the Bethlehem Motors Corporation, builder of the Bethlehem truck, visited the Kardell Motor Car Co. local distributor, last Thursday.

The Christmas meeting of the St. Louis Carriage, Wagon and Automobile Builders Club was held at the American Annex Hotel Wednesday.

The De Luxe Automobile Co., distributor of the Oldsmobile, having just nine men into the army, announced that it will employ women automobile mechanics.

Paul A. Smith, general manager of the Overland Automobile Co. is at Hot Springs, Ark., for a brief vacation.

The new service plant at 3308 Pine street of the Mitchell Automobile Co. is to be opened in a few days. The day has been due to lack of fuel.

The Rotterman Automobile and Truck Co. is showing the new Nash country roadster, which is unusually roomy in the rear seats.

The McQuay-Norris Manufacturing Co., maker of Leak-Proof piston rings, is working a night force of 75 men.

Dr. W. H. Burritt, representing the Automobile Club, has been authorized by the St. Louis Automobile Manufacturers' and Dealers' Association to ask dealers to furnish cars all this week for Red Cross work.

The Kardell Motor Car Co. will entertain its Red dealers from St. Louis territory Wednesday and will finish with a banquet to them Wednesday night, with E. H. Fahrenkrog in charge and R. E. Lee as toastmaster.

Thomas Caudle, expert repair man on generators and magneto, has been added to the force of the Moerschell Electric and Auto Supply Co.

The Stierman Vehicle Co. has been appointed local distributor for Goodrich solid truck tires.

Nelson, Black and Williams, located at 3217 Locust street, have been appointed distributors for Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska for the Hessler shock absorber for Ford cars.

The Curtis Pneumatic Machinery

Cowden, road men, and Oscar Norris, office salesman for the Vesper-Bulck Auto Co., have been turned over to W. E. Billheimer, manager of the Red Cross campaign for the entire coming week.

During the snowstorm of last Monday the Nulton Motor Co. of Mexico, Mo., drove a one-and-a-half-ton Kiebel General Utility truck from St. Louis to Mexico. It was necessary to go via Hannibal because the river could not be crossed at St. Charles.

The Harry Newman Corporation delivered a Highway Trailer to the

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. last week to be attached to one of their trucks, and will be used to haul poles.

### LONG DRIVE IN HIGH GEAR.

A record trip in high-gear all the way was made from St. Louis to Columbia, Mo., and from there to Jefferson City and return to St. Louis, by W. Ashley Gray, assistant general manager of the Packard-Missouri Motor Car Co., last week.

The car used was the 1918 twin six Packard. The trip was made over the famous difficult Mineola Hills and the hills leading into Jefferson

City. An average of 11 miles to the gallon of gasoline was made.

### MADE PERFECT TOW CAR.

C. F. Wassall of St. Louis has written to P. H. Brockman, president of the De Luxe Automobile Co. in loud praise of the towing abilities of his eight-cylinder Oldsmobile. He states that on Sunday, Dec. 9, during the heavy snowstorm his Olds, carrying seven passengers, driving in high gear, towed a stalled eight-cylinder car of another make from the downtown district to University City, the other car, a heavy one, also carrying three passengers.

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**Young Men's \$15 Trench Model Overcoats**

A wonderful value in the stylish models that are so popular—desirable novelty mixtures, in the newest color—priced Monday at

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Unusually handsome pure wool Overcoats that reflect style and quality from every angle—all sizes—priced Monday at

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**Young Men's Stylish Trench Model Suits**

Hundreds of splendid quality cashmere Suits that will give months of remarkably good service—every one stylishly cut and nicely finished throughout—choice of many different patterns and colors—in all sizes, 30 to 42—usual \$12 values. Priced Monday at

**\$7.25**

**Men's and Young Men's Fine \$20 Suits**

Handsome pure-wool Suits that will appeal to well-dressed men of all ages—carefully hand-tailored of high-quality fabrics of exceptional durability—classy Trench models, as well as conservative styles. Priced Monday at

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### BOYS' ALL WOOL FAST COLOR MACKINAW

Mothers—here is just the Coat to keep the boy warm and comfortable no matter how cold the weather—carefully tailored of extra heavy mackinaw cloth in the classy Trench models—sizes 6 to 18—a real \$7.50 to \$8 value—Monday at

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### Boys' Heavy \$6 Mackinaws

Just think! Stylish belted-all-around Mackinaws in the popular Scotch plaids—shawl collar and big patch pockets—6 to 18—Monday at

**\$3.85**

### Boys' Pure Wool \$9 Overcoats

Boys, you can take your choice of hundreds of nifty fancy mixtures in either pinch-back or Trench models—8 to 18—Monday at

**\$5.85**

### \$5 Juvenile Wool Overcoats

Numerous patterns and colors in extra quality novelty Overcoats for boys 2½ to 8—sensible button-neck models that mothers will appreciate—Monday at

**\$2.85**

### Boys' Stylish \$6 Cassimere Suits

Extra quality pinch-back and Trench model Suits—good durable cassimere fabrics that are suitable for dress or school wear—a few have two pairs knickers—sizes range from 6 to 18—Priced Monday at

**\$3.85**

### Classy Little Juvenile Suits

A large number of classy Juvenile Suits in heavy novelty fabrics—detachable fancy collars and collars—stylish belted models for boys 2½ to 8. Monday at

**\$2.85**

### Boys' Waterproof Raincoats

Just the thing for these cold, rainy and snowy days—will keep the boys warm and dry—serviceable gray mixtures in sizes 8 to 14—Monday at

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### BOYS' \$7.50 TRENCH OVERCOATS

A stylish Coat that is extremely popular with the boys—splendid novelty mixtures in sizes 8 to 18—Monday at

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### BOYS' \$9 FINE PURE WOOL SUITS

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# "Minor League Baseball Needs a Rest;" That Louisville Meeting Made it Tired

## RICKEY WILL NOT BUY RELEASE OF JACK HENRICKS

Indianapolis Man Must Obtain His Own Freedom Before Seeking Job With Cards.

### OTHER PLANS UNDER WAY

Club President Admits Other Managerial Possibilities Are Being Considered.

## Eddie Plank, Needed, May Be Coaxed Out of Retirement by Browns

**E**DDIE PLANK, the 42-year-old veteran who quit the Browns in mid-season last year and retired to his farm in Pennsylvania, will soon be courted by the management of the St. Louis club as to his intention to remain out of baseball. Many inquiries were made at Chicago, regarding the status of Plank, the occasion for the renewed interest in the great southpaw being the fact that he is too old to be subject to draft and would, therefore, be able to play out the entire season.

In view of the changed circumstances it is considered probable that Plank will reconsider his retirement. Even if he would not consent to pitch for the Browns he might be useful to some other needy outfit.

By John E. Wray.

Branch Rickey, president of the Cardinals, is still in a state of resolute evasiveness regarding his search for a team pilot, a manager in whom both he and the public will have confidence. He said yesterday morning, when asked about the prospect of naming a leader:

"I can say nothing, for I know nothing now. On the other hand, I may make an announcement in a short time. The case in regard to Hendricks is this: I have given him to understand that if he can come to me absolutely free to talk business, I will listen to him. There must be no strings to him. I will not pay more than \$15,000 nor \$20,000 nor \$30,000 for his release—that is the situation."

"Will you not dealing with anyone else to safeguard the club?" he was asked. "I suppose that any business man would leave himself unprotected. I have other plans of manager, but I am at liberty to say what they are. It may very well happen that two or three days later it will be too late for Mr. Hendricks to come to me as a candidate for the position."

"Is it a possibility that you yourself may decide to manage the club?" Rickey was asked.

### President's Job Hard Enough.

"That is not in my mind. It may prove to be a necessity, but we are considering that now. We are actively seeking a new manager. The cards of a President bring enough white hair, without taking on the trouble of managing as well."

At the Chicago meeting Ralston Goss, an Indianapolis newspaper man, who came to Hendricks, was authorized for the statement that Hendricks would obtain his release, if the Indianapolis club is sold by its present owners to a syndicate. This deal is said to have been practically completed.

If the deal is cleaned up within a week and Hendricks gains his release, there is little doubt but that he will be the next manager of the Cardinals. He is the man wanted.

**Jones' Absence Hurts Club.**

The managerial situation as regards the Browns took on a frosty hue, for a few moments, at Chicago, when Branch Rickey and Bobby Quinn were battling in the vortex of the "wind-up" fact that Fielder Jones was not at the A. L. meeting and seemingly not interested in the trading places of the club's owner and secretary did not help his case any with those who have strong ideas as to the duties of a manager.

Jones' advice was so badly needed that three or four wires were sent to him at Portland, Ore., asking his opinion regarding the case of Hendricks. To only one of these did Jones reply.

"This only asked his view of certain Washington players eligible to trade. He wired back that Gallia was the second best pitcher on the team. The management accepted his advice and closed the deal with the Senators for \$15,000 and Pitcher Gallia.

### This Settles It.

Whispering doubts about Jones' return as manager again developed at Chicago. "This time Joe Tinker's name was mentioned as successor to Jones. The mere fact that Jones' advice was sought relative to the deal at Chicago is proof conclusive that the management, at the present time, has made no plans looking toward Fielder's displacement next season."

### GOULETT, BIKE RIDER.

**ENLISTS IN THE NAVY.**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 15.**—Alfred Goulett, who with Jake Magin won the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden last week, enlisted in the Navy here yesterday.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for professional athletes to serve their country," said Goulett. "I am in the prime of my life and can stand the grinds. They are not like the business men who must sacrifice their business to war. Professional athletes do not produce anything, and here is their chance to show that they are the right stuff."

Goulett, 25 years old and lives at New York, N. Y.

## Girl Billiard Star to Try for Amateur Balkline Title



MISS CLARA HAYWOOD.

Miss Haywood to Test Skill Against Men in Class A or Class B Event This Season—Ambition to Beat Her Father Was Real Starting Point of Her Career.

**"M**Y ambition to beat dad may properly be said to have been the starting point for my love for billiards and what I have accomplished at the game," is the way Miss Clara Catharine Haywood explains her devotion to the game. Now she is considered the greatest woman amateur in the world.

Miss Haywood, while still a schoolgirl, displayed an intense interest in billiards. Had she been a boy she would have spent her skill at marbles. Being a girl, however, with a small, old-fashioned 4 by 9 billiard table in their big, rambling home at Cynwyd, Pa., Miss Haywood turned to that.

### Father Taught Her Game.

At that age Miss Howard was not sufficiently tall to bring off the ordinary caroms. It was often necessary to stand on a stool to reach for the cue ball as it lay out on the table. Seeing the fascination billiards possessed for his daughter, Judge Joseph B. Haywood, her father, undertook to teach her the finer points of straight rail and cushion carom billiards as he knew them. The two had some royal fights over the little table in those days, and once in a while her brother, Jack, who is now in the United States army in France, took a hand. The girl, however, was always the master at the game.

Friends of Judge Haywood were in the habit of engaging Miss Clara at billiards. Tutors by men willing to teach the charming girl all they knew, it was not long before she could defeat them all. The friends of the Judge came to believe the girl a billiard genius. Even at that stage she could work out runs of fifty or more. They insisted that the girl have a competent teacher, with the result that Judge Haywood engaged the professional Harry P. Cline.

Miss Haywood is now 21 years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches in height and possessed of an athletic figure that bespeaks her love for golf and lawn tennis. Billiards, however, is

## Kurrus Is Named Captain of W. U. for Next Season

Right Tackle Is Honored at Annual Election at Pikeaway Gym, Defeating Felsch.

Andrew Kurrus, right tackle of the Washington University football team, was elected to the captaincy of the 1918 Pikeaway eleven, at the annual football banquet at Francis Gymnasium last night. Kurrus also earned his letter as a lineman during the season of 1916. He is a capable lineman, and during the past season showed unlimited interest in the welfare of the team. Fred Poesch, a player, was Kurrus' opponent in the election.

The entire varsity squad, Coach Rutherford and his assistant, Sam McCune, the faculty athletic representatives and a number of alumni attended the banquet.

**FULTON AND MISKE TO MEET IN 10-ROUND GO.**

**MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 15.**—Fred Fulton, Rochester, Minn., heavyweight fighter and Billy Miske of St. Paul have been signed for a ten-round no-decision bout to be held at St. Paul, Jan. 18, according to an announcement made tonight by Mike Collins, Fulton's manager.

Under the terms of the agreement Fulton will receive 20 per cent of the receipts and Miske 20.

Fulton left tonight for Little Rock, Ark., to complete training for his bout with "Texas Bill" Tait, there, on Christmas day.

## CLEVEAND SHOWS STRONG QUINT IN OPENING CONTEST

Last Year's Champions Defeat Yeatman, 39-25, in High School Basket League.

MCKINLEY IS WINNER

Rush in Last Two Minutes of Play Brings 29 to 23 Victory Over Central.

The introduction of an unusually strong high school basketball team in the Cleveland High five, and a brilliant uphill fight on the part of the McKinley High team, culminating in a 29 to 23 victory over Central, featured the opening double-header of the High School League 1917-18 court season at Cleveland High School, yesterday afternoon.

The second game, which had been advertised as the real thriller of the season, resulted in a 39 to 25 win for last season's champions, Cleveland, over Yeatman.

The Cleveland quint, judging by its play of yesterday, is one of the smoothest-running scholastic quints that has been seen here in several seasons. Coach Matthews' play for last season's champions, Cleveland, over Yeatman.

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## Fortunes Wasted Bolstering Ball Teams Draft Threatens to Weaken Many Clubs

Owners Who Bought New Stars May Lose Old Ones

Magnates Profess Optimism, but Admit That Enlistments Might Cause Strong Outfits to Crumble Overnight.

By John E. Wray.

**A**TTER looking into the bland countenance and listening to the suave words of major league baseball leaders who assembled at Chicago, last week, those who had viewed the 1918 baseball situation darkly weakened.

When the faltering pessimists later drank in the explosions of \$60,000 and \$75,000 trade talk, they wiggled surrender and were ready to admit that baseball next year will go forward happily and profitably.

The magnates who have purred optimism into one another's ears at a 12-cylinder speed, seem to have hypnotized themselves into believing that the year 1918 will present a primrose path.

Even the Washington club, which confounded all precedent by paying actual cash for Lavan and Shotton, and which last year experienced the worst attendance in long list of bad seasons, is actually—for publication—counting on making money next campaign.

Where the Shoe Pinches.

**I**N view of conditions, however, the optimism does not mean anything more than the magnates' stubborn refusal to acknowledge conditions which already exist, and which strongly advise that the baseball ball struggle lay between Yeatman and Cleveland. If that is the case, now is the time to cash in on the game and bring down the curtain.

Yeatman has a squad of big boys who seem individually to be good players. However yesterday the play was slow and lagged in contrast to the lightning agility of the victors. Indeed, had it not been for the efforts of a few players, the game would have been a rout.

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## MICHIGAN TO PLAY GAMES WITH FOUR "BIG 10" ELEVEN

Wolverines Place Northwestern, Ohio State, Chicago and Cophers on 1918 Schedule

MAY ADOPT NEW SPORT

Coaches of Western Conference Want Hand Grenade Throwing for Next Season.

**C**HICAGO, Dec. 15.—The University of Michigan football opponents in the Western Conference next season will be Chicago, Ohio State, Minnesota and Northwestern. P. O. Bartleme, director of athletics at the Wolverine institution, arranged these games at the annual coaches' meeting of the "Big Ten" coaches here tonight. The Michigan-Chicago game is to be played at Chicago on Nov. 9, will be the first between these old-time rivals since the memorable contests of 1902.

It had not been expected that the University of Chicago faculty would permit Coach Stagg to schedule games with Michigan, which has played the Chicago team for several years, and Bartleme did not consider his pleasure in landing the contest.

"It's the best deal I've made in years," Bartleme said. "I am sure the game will please the student body and alumni of Michigan. The teams are natural rivals, and perhaps the biggest attraction from an attendance standpoint in the conference."

**Coach Stagg Delighted.**

Coach Stagg also was delighted with the Chicago schedule, one of the stiffest in years. The Maroons will play seven conference games starting with Minnesota on Oct. 19, and will close the season with a game at Chicago on Nov. 23. It has been suggested that a part of the proceeds of this game will be turned over to a war charity.

Ohio State, twice winner of the "Big Ten" championship, in addition to meeting Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and Northwestern, also probably will meet Indiana. Coach Wiley, however, was disappointed in his failure to arrange a game with Chicago and Minnesota. "Neither of these teams has played Ohio State since it displayed championship caliber."

Illinois and Northwestern decided to drop minor sports because of the lack of interest. Northwestern will discontinue basketball and dual events and Illinois will drop every sport except baseball, track, basketball and football. The latter will have a basketball team, and Illinois will have a basketball team.

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## GOVERNMENT WILL BUILD PLANTS TO MAKE EXPLOSIVES

Baker Announces Appointment of Daniel C. Jackling to Direct the Construction Work.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Government explosive plants to supplement the present output of private manufacturers are to be built in the immediate future, it was disclosed tonight in an announcement by Secretary Baker of the appointment of Daniel C. Jackling of San Francisco, to take charge of the construction work.

Jackling is one of the leading figures in the mining world. He was born in Bates County, Missouri, and was educated at the Missouri School of Mines. He is managing director of the Utah and Ray Consolidated Copper Companies and is prominent in other mining interests.

**Auto Truck Runs Into Tailor Shop.**  
An auto truck of the Columbia Motor Service Co. became unmanageable at Twelfth street and Franklin avenue yesterday and ran into the tailor shop of Isaac Kotner, doing \$300 damage. Robert Lamb, the driver, was arrested because he had no license.

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## NAVAL COUNCIL TO DIRECT ALLIED FLEETS' OPERATIONS

Resources of Entente and America and Japan Joined to Combat Central Powers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Co-ordination of the naval resources of the Governments at war with the central Powers, decided upon at the inter-allied conference at Paris, was viewed here today as one of the first important moves toward a general consolidation of allied military strength.

The decision of the conference to establish a naval council which will supervise in an advisory capacity in the naval operations of the allied fleets was announced to Secretary Daniels in a cablegram from Admiral Benson, ranking American naval representative at the conference. As the meetings will be held in Europe, flag officers will represent both the United States and Japan.

## BERLIN TAGEBLATT TALKS OF 'POWERFUL WILL OF PEOPLE'

Enlightened Statecraft no Longer Opposing It, Newspaper Says.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Intellectual barriers which separate Germany from other democratic peoples of the world gradually must disappear, asserts Theodore Wolff in the Tageblatt because "Germany has approached a political system of parliamentary governed states." "The aim of a democratic peace," he continues, "must be to prevent the erection of any political barriers or the perpetuation of such as may be the outgrowth of hatred. Will the peace cry coming from St. Petersburg be heard everywhere?"

"Will America, too, realize that in Germany the will of the people is powerful enough to create a new order of things and that an enlightened statecraft no longer is automatically opposing it?"

## SAID UNCLE SAM WAS A FAKE

Laborer for Laundry Company Held Under Espionage Act.

Morris Van Pelt, 31 years old, employed as a laborer by the Commercial Laundry Co., 721 Alabama avenue, was arrested Friday and is held for the Federal authorities on a charge of violating the espionage act.

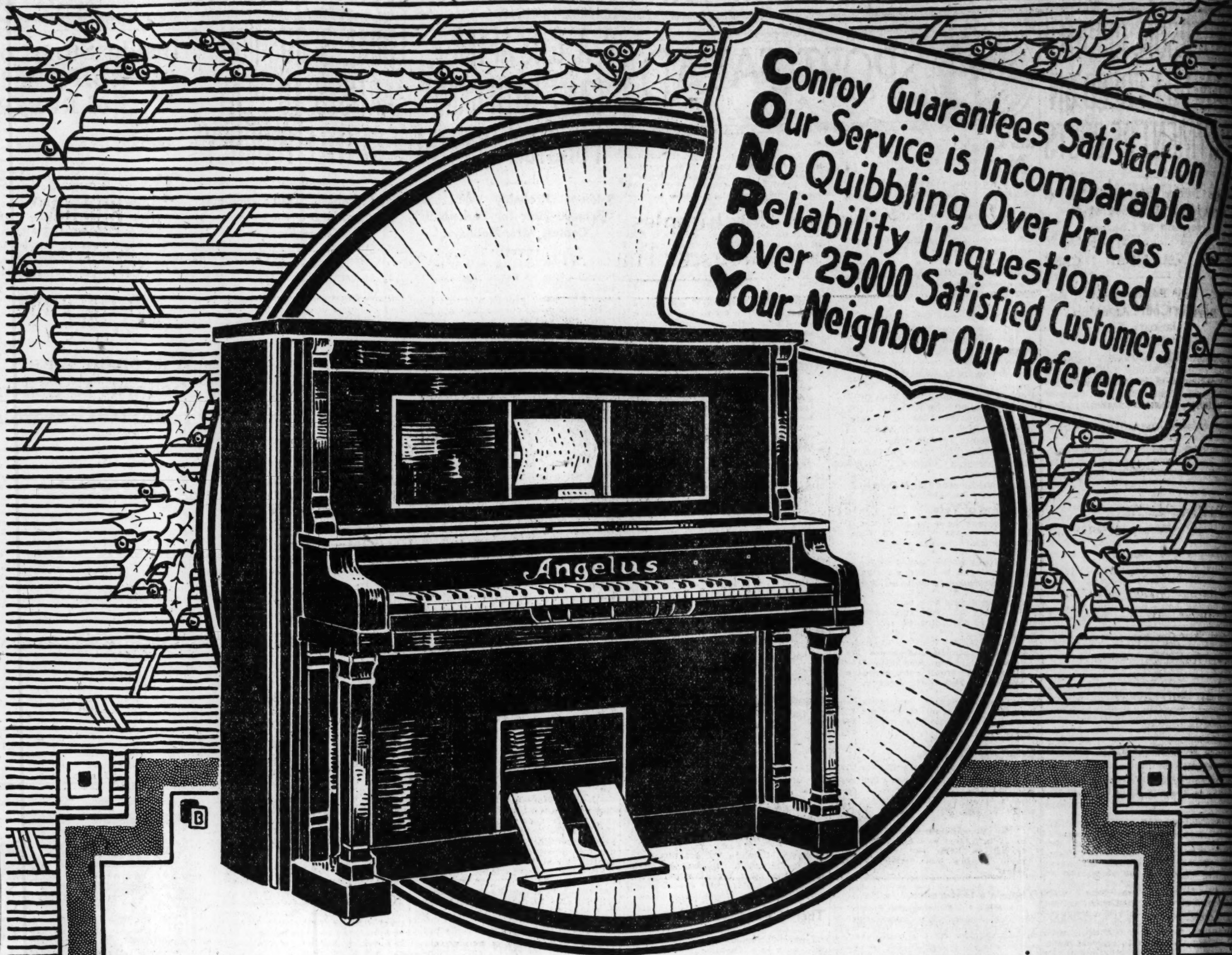
Fellow workmen say that he said that if the people would stop buying Liberty Bonds the war would end; that Uncle Sam was a fake and was trying to stop a Socialist paper to which Van Pelt subscribed, but he could not do it; that nobody could make him fight against Germany and that the people were working like slaves so that President Wilson could dress his daughters fine. He also is alleged to have applied an epithet to the President.

## FETE FOR JEWISH WAR FUND

Association to Give Entertainment at Moolah Temple, Dec. 23.

The Young Men's Hebrew Association will give an entertainment and dance in Moolah Temple at 8:30 o'clock, Sunday, Dec. 23, to raise funds for welfare work in the United States Army and Navy. There are 50,000 Jewish soldiers and sailors in the United States in whom the Jewish Board for Welfare Work is interested. The money obtained here will be a part of the \$1,000,000 fund to be raised all over the country.

In addition to the dance there will be a gymnastic exhibition, a comedy, a musical program, a musical comedy and performance of "The Violin Maker of Cremona."



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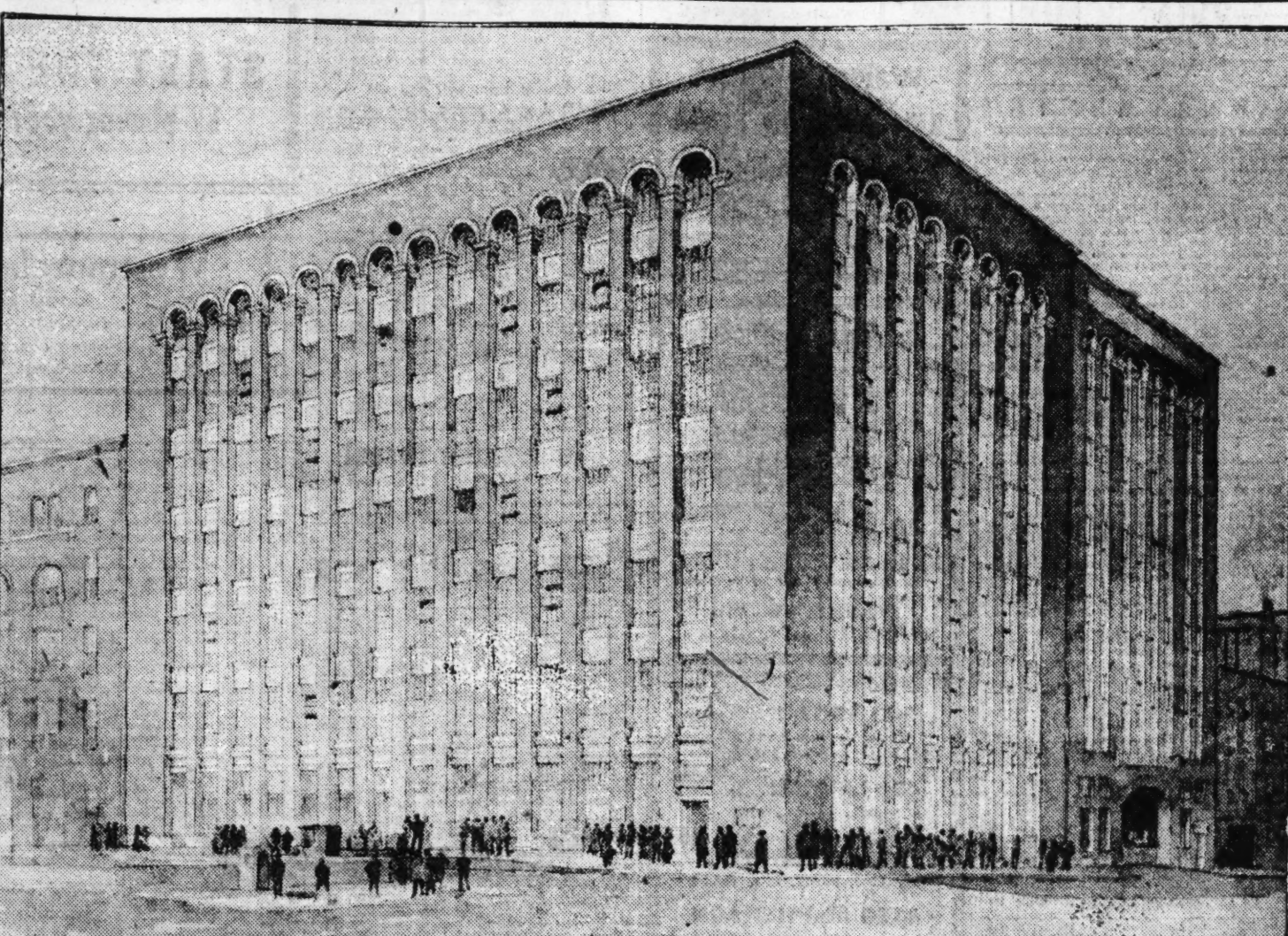
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### Latest Addition to the Cupples System of Warehouses That Are in Process of Erection



THE cut shows the two buildings designed by Eames & Young and now being erected under their supervision on the southwest corner of Eighth street and Clark avenue, this city, for Washington University, constituting the latest addition to the Cupples system of warehouses.

The corner building now approaching completion will be occupied by the Haas-Lieber Grocer Co. as tenants. A portion of the basement and second story will, however,

be reserved by the Cupples Co. for their use in connection with the adjacent buildings on the west, as a part of their freight handling business.

Communication with the shipping station belonging to the original group of buildings is obtained through the existing tunnel crossing under Spruce street. The large opening on the Clark avenue front admits a driveway leading clear through to Spruce street. On either side are shipping platforms served

by elevators for freight. On the east side of the driveway is another shipping platform at the level of the second floor which may eventually be connected with the warehouse on the south side of Spruce street by means of a bridge. There is also a shipping platform on Eighth street connecting with the shipping room of the Haas-Lieber Grocer Co. The main offices of the grocer company on the first floor, extend across the Clark avenue front.

The building will be entirely fireproof, no wood being used anywhere

### 3-STORY BUILDING PLAN ORDERED FOR 5 AND 10C STORE

Kresge & Co. Structure at Sixth Street and Washington Avenue to Have Three Fronts.

WILL ENLARGE IT LATER

Dozen or More Present Tenants of Buildings Looking for New Quarters.

S. S. Kresge & Co., who recently obtained a 99-year lease of the southeast corner of Washington avenue and Sixth street, has commissioned the T. P. Barnett Architectural Co. to make plans for the erection on the site of a modern three-story and basement structure.

The building will be occupied as a five and ten cent store by S. S. Kresge & Co., capitalized at \$36,000,000 and having headquarters in Detroit, from which it operates a chain of stores in all the larger cities. Its St. Louis store is at 114 Washington avenue, just east of the site selected for the new store.

The site has a frontage on Washington avenue of 122 feet and on Sixth street of 150 feet and extends through to St. Charles street, on which it has a second frontage. It embraces the holdings of Margaret Hitchcock, trustee, the Oliver Hart estate, R. H. Scudder and Frank Nagel.

The present tenants of the premises include, among others, the Puleos Cloak Co., the Royal Shoe Co., the Friedman Cigar Co., the Wolf-Wilson Drug Co. and the Barnum hotel, the latter occupying the upper floors of the building. The Wolf-Wilson Drug Co. occupies the corner.

All the tenant leases of the premises expire Jan. 1, 1918, but will be extended to May 1, when the expiration of the old three and four-story buildings which now cover the site will begin.

S. S. Kresge & Co. assembled this site, embracing six different owners, only after months of negotiation. The Weisels-Gerhart Real Estate Co. was the intermediary throughout the negotiations.

A dozen or more shops demolished in this quarter of the block are now reconnoitering for locations in the same vicinity.

The Wolf-Wilson Drug Co. has acquired a 12-year lease, through Martin-Breit Real Estate Co., of the four-story building at the southeast corner of Washington avenue and Seventh street. This is to be converted at a large outlay to meet the requirements of this great retail drug concern.

It was originally S. S. Kresge & Co.'s plan to erect a towering structure on the Washington avenue and Sixth street corner, but the project was abandoned owing to the increased cost of materials and construction. The foundation of the three-story building will, however, be laid, to be constructed to be erected as soon as conditions are more favorable.

The advent of the Statler Hotel has infused new life into Washington avenue from Broadway to Eighteenth street, and given new impetus to the retail development of the thoroughfare, which promises soon to be flush as far west as Twelfth street.

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The building will be erected by the George T. Burdett Real Estate Co., which acquired the site in a big trade promoted by J. R. Schollmeyer several years ago. The site, which is vacant, has a frontage of 87 feet on Olive street by a depth of 109 feet along Seventeenth street. It was formerly owned by the late W. V. Culver.

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The site adjoins on the west the yards of the Union Electric Light & Power Co., embracing the southwest corner of Forest Park boulevard and Vandeventer avenue and the northwestern corner of Duncan avenue and Forest Park boulevard, the two corners each being 300x250 feet.

20 Buildings to Be Razed.

There are now on the site 19 brick dwellings and one brick structure buildings all of which will be razed to make way for the proposed improvements and terminal building.

The sale was made by the George F. Bergfeld Real Estate Co., for the Vandeventer Terminal Realty Co., of which J. L. Johnson, president of the German Savings Institution is president and George F. Bergfeld is a director.

The purchase is embraced in the tract comprising the Heinrich terminal, all of which are held by the Vandeventer Terminal Realty Co., which still has extensive holdings in this district, including 1500 feet fronting on the north and on the south sides of Duncan avenue between Vandeventer avenue and Sarah street. This tract is contiguous

### APARTMENT HOUSES ATTRACTING CAPITAL

Harlan Court, Bringing Rentals of Nearly \$100,000 a Year, Among Several Big Buildings in Real Estate Investment Negotiations.

Negotiations were launched during the week to obtain control of a number of new big apartment buildings, which the greater residential demand and consequent advance in rentals have placed on a larger revenue basis.

The Harlan Court Apartments, on the north side of Delmar boulevard, between Belt avenue and Beverly place, and extending through to Von Versen avenue, is challenging wide capitalistic attention. Many propositions have been made for these apartments, the most attractive being submitted by James C. Campbell of Paul Jones & Co., for a client who has holdings he wants to trade. The basis on which the trade is proposed is \$700,000.

The apartments comprise 114 suites, return an annual rental of nearly \$100,000 and constitute one of the most alluring investments of this character in the West End. Real estate agents declare. This is approximately 10 per cent gross on a valuation of \$1,000,000, and accordingly, there is no disparity between price quoted and the rental derived.

There is not a vacancy in the Harlan Court Apartments, and those that have occurred have been of short duration, according to the Orville E. & B. G. Scott Real Estate Co., under whose management the building is operated. The building was erected by the Wyland-Francis Construction Co. about a year ago and before the great advance in the price of building material and construction.

Building Is Fireproof.

The apartments are of reinforced concrete fireproof construction, and if erected now would cost from 25 to 45 per cent more, builders say.

Campbell has made many sales of large apartment buildings in the West End. These include the Katherine apartments, comprising one and two units, at 4488 Washington avenue, to Roy T. Britton, a trifle more than a year ago.

The wisdom of Britton's investment is exemplified by the fact that the rentals received from them, \$30,000 per annum, are 10 per cent greater now than at the time he acquired them.

The Katherine apartments are under the management of Edward L. Bakewell, who makes a specialty of the management of apartment buildings.

ings. Bakewell says buildings of this character in St. Louis offer the most remunerative as well as substantial form for investment. Bakewell has leased a record number of apartments this year, and in many instances at advanced rentals.

The decrease in building operations in the apartment house line as a result of the increased cost of material and construction, he believes will have a tonic effect on values or prices of buildings in this category. He does not expect a resumption of building operations on a large scale until after the war. By that time the demand will be far greater than the supply, he predicts.

Prevailing prices for apartments and flats, he believes, offer unprecedented opportunities for investment.

A number of sales of apartments and flats of more or less importance have been concluded during the week, while there were initiated others which give promise of successful issue.

Demand for Homes.

Sales during the week reflected a larger demand for homes than the exclusive parts of the West End.

A notable sale was that of the Parkview home of Charles W. Mansur, president of the Police Board, at 6227 McPherson avenue, to William H. Molton, vice president of the International Shoe Co. The price paid was not made public. The value of the property is estimated at between \$27,000 and \$30,000.

The house has 11 rooms and four baths. The lot is 34x124 feet. It occupies one of the most attractive situations in this residential park, the high character of which is assured by virtue of the exacting restrictions of the subdivision. The sale was made by Paul Jones & Co. and Cornet & Zeltz.

Another notable residence sale was that of 4526 West Pine boulevard from E. A. More to J. L. Adrien of Scruggs, Vandeventer & Barney. The price paid, it is understood, was \$25,000. The house comprises three stories, 12 rooms and three baths. It occupies a lot 75x214 feet. The premises also include a handsome brick garage. The sale was made by Howard Gamble & Co. in connection with Albert T. Terry & Co.

More is erecting a new home on Cella road, near Clayton, to which he will remove as soon as it is completed.

### SITE FOR \$400,000 STRUCTURE BOUGHT BY GAS COMPANY

Forest Park Boulevard Lot and Improvement to Cost More Than \$500,000.

As a site for a warehouse to cost \$400,000, the Laclede Gas Light Co. has purchased 765x200 feet, or 155,000 square feet of ground, on the south side of Forest Park boulevard, between Vandeventer avenue and Sarah street.

The building, which will be of fireproof construction, will be used as a storage house for meters, a garage and a repair shop. The premises will be provided with switches in the rear, connecting with the Wabash Railroad, only a block north of and running parallel with the tract.

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ous on the north to the right of way of the Wabash railroad, on the west to Valley and on which switching facilities are installed.

Dotted by Large Plants.

Numerous large plants have been established in this district, by interests attracted by the excellent shipping facilities offered by the Wabash Railroad.

The Ford auto plant occupies a site 320x250 feet at the southwest corner of Forest Park boulevard and Sarah street. Among others which have obtained sites in this block is the Sanitary Steam Shovel Co., which will erect a six-story building next spring.

This block, which is also served by the Wabash Railroad, is bounded by Forest Park boulevard, Duncan avenue, Sarah street and Boyle avenue. It is owned by a syndicate which has subdivided it into sites for manufacturing purposes.

George F. Bergfeld, who engineered the purchase to the Laclede Gas Light Co., declined to disclose the price paid.

MASONS LET CONTRACTS FOR ADDITIONS TO INFIRMARY

New Ward, Isolated Rooms and Diet Kitchen Will Be Added to Buildings.

The Masonic Home of Missouri has let contracts to the Worman Construction Co. for alterations and additions to the Infirmary Building on Delmar avenue, west of Union. The work includes a new ward with a solarium in connection, several isolated rooms, a diet kitchen and bath rooms.

The plans and specifications were drawn by F. C. Bonasack, architect, who will superintend the work. The equipment will be first class. Call bells are to be installed for each bed. All corners will be covered and rounded for sanitary purposes, and only first quality materials will be used. The Elchler Heating Co. has the heating contract.

SKIRT COMPANY LEASES SPACE

Take Entire Additional Floor in Former Building.

The Martin-Breit Real Estate Co. has closed a lease for the Missouri Valley Realty Co. on the fifth floor of 200-22 Washington avenue to the United Skirt Co., who now occupy about 2000 feet of this building. The additional space will give them about 3000 square feet.

Post-Dispatch Wants point the way to comfortable rooms and good board.

### City Beautiful Exhibit in East St. Louis Jan. 6

Special Display to Include Designs by American Institute of Architects and Motion Pictures, as Civic Pride Stimulant.

What has been planned to be the most ambitious exposition of works and plans for a city beautiful will be held in East St. Louis, Jan. 6 to 13, under the auspices of the East St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, which has engaged the City Planning Exhibition of the American Institute of Architects and a special motion picture exhibit of a similar kind, with special sets of displays relating to the St. Louis district.

East St. Louis is the only city in this section that will have the exhibition of the American Institute of Architects, and the show will therefore be more than a local affair. The Chamber of Commerce has enhanced the exhibition by attractive features.

The exhibition will be opened the night of Jan. 6 by Richard S. Hawes, president of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, and Conrad Reeb, president of the East St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, with N. C. McLean, chairman of the City Planning Committee, as the officer in charge. Officers of the Civic League and City Plan Commission of St. Louis, the Institute of Architects, Mayor Mollman and other officers of the East St. Louis municipality, and Mayor Kiel and associates of the St. Louis city government will be invited. President Hawes will be accompanied

by General Manager Paul V. Bunn, Assistant Secretary Thomas H. Lovelace and the staff and Executive Committee of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce.

Purpose of the exhibition is to inspire civic pride and depict ideals of beautification. The City Planning Committee, with N. C. McLean as chairman, will realize several important improvement plans for the city and through a City Plan Commission, to be organized, will elaborate plans for pretentious works. The other members of the committee are M. V. Joyce, R. R. Thomas, Charles B. Goedeke and R. H. Kramer.

The plans designed for East St. Louis by the Park and Boulevard Board will be a special feature, while illustrations of city planning, relating to fundamental propositions, will be solicited from the St. Louis city government and City Plan Commission. Among the plans to be shown will be those of the proposed plaza and boulevard at the East St. Louis approach of the municipal bridge.

All the commercial and civic associations of East St. Louis, also the schools, will participate in the exhibition, each having an evening. Among the bodies taking part will be the Retail Merchants' Association, Downtown Merchants' Association, Rotary Club, Real Estate Exchange and Civic Federation. Formal invitations will be extended also to the officers and directors of the city governments and Chamber of Commerce of Belleville, Granite City, Madison and other neighboring cities.

Soon after the close of the show the City Plan Commission will form a City Plan Commission, to elaborate a comprehensive plan for East St. Louis and organize the movement to beautify the city and improve industrial, social, sanitary and civic conditions.

The exhibition comes to East St. Louis from New Orleans, where it is on display during the holidays as a civic progress feature, and the East St. Louis Chamber of Commerce will forward it to New York City.

### OIL COMPANY BUYS DISTRIBUTING PLANT SITE ON EAST SIDE

Galena Concern Will Serve Signal Oil to St. Louis From Warehouse.

As a site for a warehouse for signal oil for distribution in St. Louis, the Galena Oil Co. has purchased a tract fronting 300 feet on Converse street in East St. Louis. It is served by the Terminal Railway Association and is adjacent to the approach of the Municipal Free Bridge.

The purchase was promoted by the real estate department of the Mercantile Trust Co., which has a special department for the sale of railroad and warehouse properties. The Vernon Clark Real Estate Co. of East St. Louis was identified with the deal. The price paid for the land was not disclosed.

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### PLANS BEING MADE FOR \$3,000,000 TERMINALS HERE

President of Wharf and Warehouse Co. of Boston Heading Enterprise for Big Warehouses on Site Bounded by Angelrod, Dock, Second and River.

### BUILDING TO BE ON UNIT PLAN

Two Chains of Buildings on Buchanan Street Will Be Equipped With Modern Cold Storage Facilities and Have Rail Connections.

By Berry Moore.

Harry M. Wiggin, president of the Terminal Wharf and Railroad Warehouse Co., of Boston, Mass., is in St. Louis perfecting plans for the erection at Second and Buchanan street of an elaborate system of independent warehouse and terminals.

The ground selected for this industrial enterprise embraces the site of the C. F. Liebke Lumber Co., comprising 15 acres, situated on the north and south sides of Buchanan street, and extending from Second street to the river. Angelrod street, on which it also has considerable frontage, forms the north boundary of the site, while Clark street is the first street south of the site.

The North St. Louis Terminal Realty Co. and the Dock Street Realty Co. have been incorporated to execute this connection as operating and building companies with a nominal capital of \$350,000 and of \$150,000 respectively. The stock of the two companies, which are affiliated, and which Wiggin is the dominant force in, is held as follows:

North St. Louis Terminal Realty Co.: George F. Cottrell, 671 shares; Harry A. Singer, 225 shares; Laura M. Tully, 448 shares; Sarah R. Hutton, 909 shares; Paul Y. Lieberman, 499 shares; Richard D. Hutton, 499 shares; McDonald and Lambert E. Walther, one share each; Harry H. Wiggin of Boston, Mass., 336 shares; Dock Street Realty Co.: Laurent M. Tully, 40 shares; George F. Cottrell, 40 shares; Harry H. Wiggin, 20 shares; Henry A. Singer, 20 shares; George H. Cottrell 5 shares.

To Be Built on Unit Plan.

The proposed warehouses and terminals will be designed after those of the Terminal Wharf and Warehouse Co. of Boston and will be constructed on the unit plan, and will have modern cold storage facilities. The warehouses will be served with tracks connecting with those of the Terminal Railway Association and the Burlington Railway, which run through the property.

As the nucleus of this project, two blocks of units, 60 by 110 feet each, will be erected on the two blocks on the north side of Buchanan street, extending from Second street on the west, to the tracks of the Terminal on the east. Between these two blocks of buildings will be installed double tracks, occupying a private street 60 feet wide, and connecting with those of the Terminal.

The buildings will be equipped with whip hoist and elevators and modern appliances, and will have platforms to the car level. The plans also provide for wagon platforms on the Buchanan and Angelrod street sides of the building.

The project contemplates altering six and nine story reinforced concrete fireproof structures, and it is estimated, will entail an expenditure, exclusive of the cost of the ground, of approximately \$3,000,000. The remainder of the tract, containing 10 acres, will be subdivided into improved buildings of the same character, supplemented with wharves for the dispatch of river traffic.

To Rival Boston Terminals.

These 10 acres include two large blocks on the south side of Buchanan street extending from First street to the Terminal Railway tracks on the east, which run north and south on Clark street, and a succession of blocks running east from the Terminal tracks to the river. The ground on the Terminal Railway tracks, bounded by the Burlington Railroad, with which the service tracks the warehouses will be connected. The proposed St. Louis warehouse terminals will be on a scale rivaling those of the Terminal Wharf and Warehouse Co. of Boston.

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# DR. HUGO SUMMA, PATHOLOGIST AND DIAGNOSTICIAN, IS DEAD

Accumulates to Heart Disease After Lying Down for Nap in Home; Practiced Here 30 Years.

Dr. Hugo Summa, pathologist and diagnostician and formerly a professor of internal medicine at St. Louis University, died of heart disease yesterday afternoon at his home, 4253 Washington boulevard. He was 57 years old.

He had received patients during the forenoon. After noon he lay down for a nap as was his custom. His death was discovered at 3 o'clock when an attempt was made to awaken him.

Dr. Summa was born in Germany and was educated at the universities of Munich and Freiburg. He had practiced in St. Louis for about 30 years and taught for more than 20 years at the Marion-Sims Medical College and St. Louis University. He was a member of the St. Louis Medical Society and other organizations and was formerly a contributor to medical journals. He is survived by a widow and two daughters, Edna and Irma.

# SEAPLANE BELIEVED TO HAVE DESTROYED BRITISH AIRSHIP

Forced Landing of Another Craft in Holland and Sinking of a Destroyer Announced.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A British airship is believed to have been destroyed by a hostile seaplane and a second British airship was forced to descend in Holland, according to an official announcement tonight. It was also officially announced that a British destroyer had been sunk.

The official announcement by the Admiralty reads:

"A British airship of the nonrigid type, with a crew of five, which proceeded on patrol duty Tuesday from an east coast base, has not returned, and from the information available it is believed she has been destroyed by a hostile seaplane in the southern part of the North Sea."

"A second airship of similar type was forced to descend in Holland through engine failure, Wednesday. One of his majesty's destroyers was sunk Wednesday after being in collision. All the officers and the ship's company were saved, except

two men, who are presumed to have been drowned.

Dispatches from Holland Thursday announced that an airship, believed to be English, had landed in a Dutch village.

# COMMISSIONED IN HOME GUARD

Twelve Officers in St. Louis Regiment Approved by Governor.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 15.—Gov. Gardner today issued commissions to the following 12 officers of the Third Regiment, Home Guard, St. Louis:

Milo C. Shairds, First Lieutenant, Company B; Harold T. Heingerford, Second Lieutenant, Company B; John N. Steadwell, Second Lieutenant, Company C; Gordon P. Henderson, Second Lieutenant, Company H; Francis N. McGrath, Second Lieutenant, Company D; Paul Peltier, Second Lieutenant, Company E; C. A. Renard, Second Lieutenant, Company F; W. W. Steele, First Lieutenant, Company M; W. H. Mills, Second Lieutenant, Company M; Charles W. Adams, Second Lieutenant, Company K; O. N. Pier, Second Lieutenant, Company L; Joseph L. Snyder, Captain, Sixth Separate Company.

# FEDERATION PLANS TO TAKE CHURCH CENSUS OF CITY

Will Be Preliminary to Evangelistic Campaign to Continue Through Easter Period.

The St. Louis Church Federation has adopted a plan to district the city among the Protestant churches in order to make an accurate census of church members preparatory to an evangelistic campaign to continue through the Easter period.

There were 95,000 Protestant church communicants in St. Louis at the time of the last census, taken a year ago, it was announced. The proposed new census will take in the suburbs.

Dean Davis of Christ Church Cathedral, recently returned from France, made a brief address.

Y. M. C. A. Opens Dormitory. The Central Y. M. C. A., Grand and Franklin avenues, recently purchased and remodeled the old Oliver Hotel, which adjoins its building, as a dormitory for young men. The hotel has 36 rooms and can accommodate 70 men. It is the first dormitory the Y. M. C. A. has opened in St. Louis.

# PRESIDENT SENDS GREETINGS

Message to State-Wide War Conference in Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 15.—President Wilson telegraphed his greetings to the first of the sessions of state-wide war conferences which closed here last night, but the message was not received by Will H. Hays, chairman of the State Council of Defense, which arranged the Indiana war conference, until today.

The message follows: "Pray extend my warmest greetings to the conference and express my confidence that it will redound to the benefit of the whole nation."

# REVOLVER SHOT KILLS CHILD

Girl, 3 years Old, Wounded When Playing With Weapon.

Dorris Mink, 3-year-old daughter of John and Marie Mink, 3229 Hickory street, died at the city hospital yesterday from a bullet wound in the abdomen received Friday night at her home, while playing with a revolver.

The child found the weapon on a table and was playing with it when it was accidentally discharged. The mother is at the hospital suffering from the shock.

# BAKER PRAISES WOMEN'S WORK

United States Could Not Go on Without Them, Secretary Says.

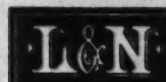
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Secretary of War Baker pays the following tribute to American women and their work in the war:

"If all the women in America tonight were to stop doing the things that they are doing and making the sacrifices that they are making to the conduct of the war we would have to withdraw from the war."

"We would at least have to withdraw until we could bring the entire reorganization of our social and industrial structure."

The industrial contribution of women in this war, not consciously contributed to this war, but their contribution to industry in this country, is a thing which could not be withdrawn, so that one of the demonstrations which this war is making—one of the results it is bringing home—is that men and women are essential partners in industrial and commercial civilization, in any modern civilization, and that the democracy which will satisfy anybody's heart and mind, to emerge from this war is one which recognizes the rights of all persons in that society."

# CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

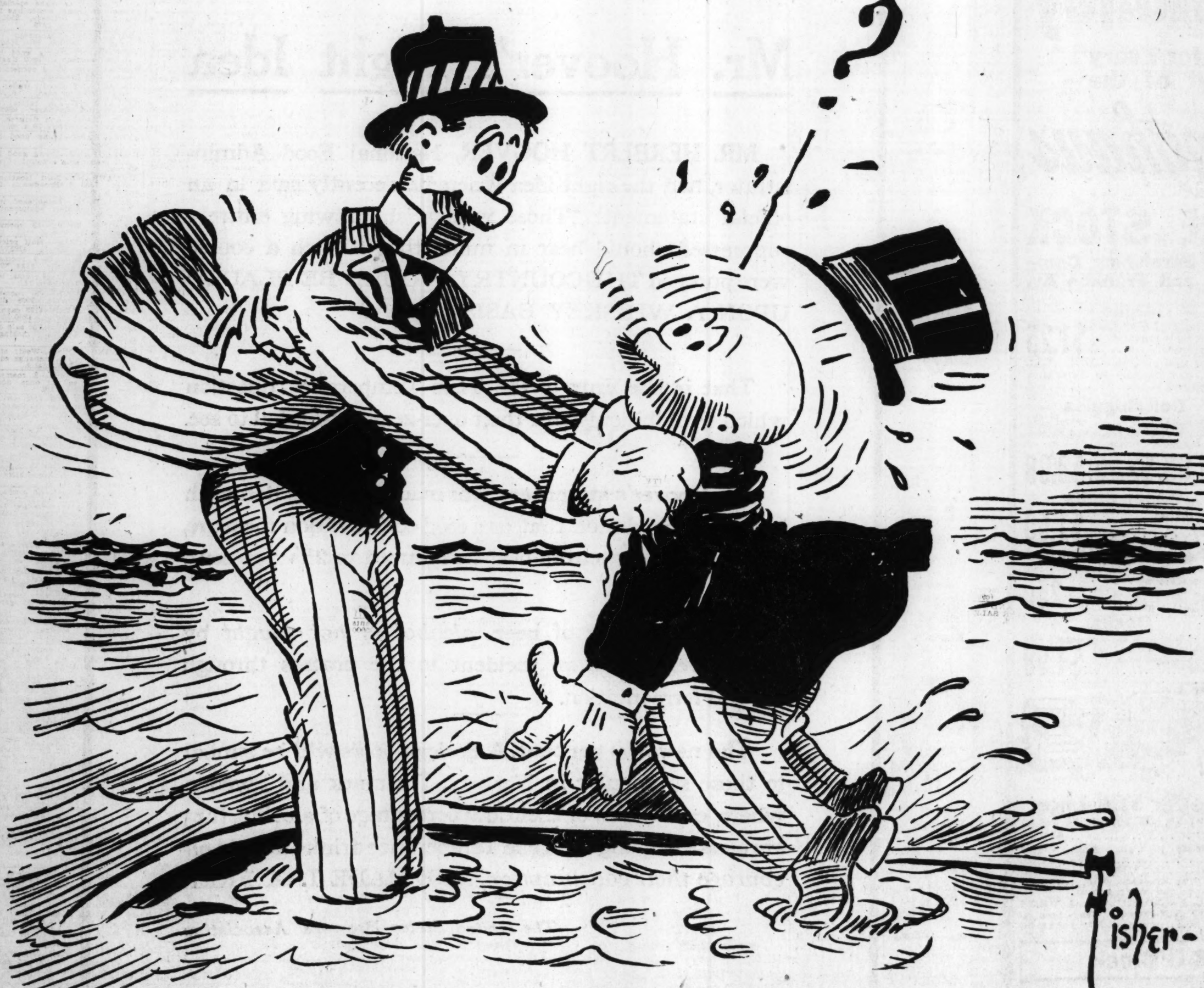


Effective Sunday, Dec. 16th, train No. 53, the JACKSONVILLE EXPRESS, leaves St. Louis 9:00 P. M. instead of 9:20 P. M., arriving southeastern destination same time as formerly.

Effective same date, train No. 93, the ATLANTA and NEW ORLEANS LIMITED, leaves St. Louis 4:01 P. M. instead of 4:09 P. M., arriving southeastern destination same time as formerly.

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Declines on Some Stocks Average From Three to Twenty Points.

CURB MARKET DEPRESSED

Break on the Exchange Forces Liquidation in Outside Trading.

By Teased Wire From the New York Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Evening Post in its copyrighted financial weekly review, says today:

"When prices on the Stock Exchange, early in the week, were falling at the rate of 2 and 3 per cent a day, Wall Street was asking what influence there could be to stop the movement. Every holder of stocks was selling; nobody was buying; even 'covering' purchases for the short account, such as used to cut a leading figure after a sharp decline in prices could no longer be reckoned on, since 'bear operations' had, by common consent, been practically eliminated. Nothing, so we were told, stood in the way of indefinite continuance of the break. On Thursday came a sudden, rapid and general recovery, which carried prices 2 to 6 per cent above the week's low figure.

"The moral of the incident is simple enough. Buying power continues to exist, despite the commanding of capital for the war loans, and the much might, indeed, have been inferred from the mere fact that the 700,000 shares, sold on the not very violent decline in one preceding day, had evidently been bought by someone. If ready purchasers had not been at hand, then other prices would have gone to a purely nominal basis or else trading would have ceased.

"But the inference was equally obvious that these buyers put in their orders because they believed that, granting all unfavorable considerations, stocks had fallen below intrinsic values. What had happened in the market then was exactly what used to happen on occasions of his torious depression, even in the old eras of normal Stock Exchange conditions. People who took counsel of nothing but vague fears, and who listened to nothing but foolish 'rumors', had parted with their investments at a huge loss, and those who judged the whole situation with a calm and steady mind had bought at a bargain.

"Foreign Outlook Unchanged. "There has been enough of the unpleasant in this week's European news; but there has been nothing which could cause uneasiness which need have caught the observant watcher off his guard. Back of all the shifts and turns in the military campaign and Europe's political situation there has remained the outstanding fact that Germany is still suing for peace through whatever avenues are open to her, and that Germany's antagonists are rejecting all such overtures except on the basis of a righteous peace.

"The testimony of history is reasonably clear as to what such an attitude signifies, and the German Government, like the Confederate Government when its similar roundabout overtures for peace accompanied a seeming triumph of its armies, knows better than its antagonists what its own condition is.

"The cohesed part of the financial community is well enough aware that the present German offensive on the West has two distinct causes—the reinforcements available from the Eastern front and the desperate resolve to make another trial at arms before winter, with the economic and political disturbance which its hardships will provoke in Germany, has run its course.

"But it is also kept in mind, by the people given to excited impulse, that the winter is also closing in on the Western and Italian fronts with the bearing on an aggressive military campaign, which Germany's leaders expect to see through to the end.

"In so far as the nervously disposed were affected this week, by the extraordinary Russian situation and the talk of separate peace, events appear to be speaking for themselves.

"No one in or out of Wall Street ventures to predict exact dates for the Russian situation to change, but the very patent fact of the large majority against the Bolsheviks in the national assembly, the insecurity of the winter band of fanatics who are holding Petrograd, and the unwillingness of even Germany to vary far in treating with an anarchist cabal makes the problem a strange one, and it affects indirectly every other European market.

"Germany has no better assurance than the allies, of which way events will turn in that political convulsion, and the Russian position is bound for good while to remain a German danger point.

Weekly Curb Review.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The most important feature of the trading on the broad street during the past week was the heavy dealings and substantial losses in the Russian bonds. The Russian 5 1/2%, which started at 4 1/2%, sold down to 4 1/4, with a later rally to 4 1/2, and the 6 1/2% fell from 4 1/2 to 4, followed by a rally to 4 1/4.

Each issues sold at new low records, as well as Russian international bonds sold in over bankers' counters, which sold at the new low of 90.

For the greater part of the week, price movements in the general list were in practically all cases to lower levels. The independent Oil stocks attracted most attention because of current reports that the petroleum industry is to be subjected to Government regulation and price fixing. This belief induced considerable pressure, with Midwest Refining falling from 108 to 90, but rallying to 95 in a general upward movement yesterday.

Merrill sold down from 21 1/2 to 18, followed by a rally to 18, and Houston after falling from 25 1/2 to 19 1/2.

NEW YORK STOCKS

REPORTED DAILY FOR THE POST-DISPATCH BY G. H. WALKER & CO. 207 NORTH FOURTH STREET.

STOCKS FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 15, 1917.

STOCKS	High	Low	Close	Change
American Beet Sugar	9.200	78	85	-7 1/2
American Can common	41.800	84	80 1/2	-3 1/2
American Can preferred	1.000	97 1/2	98	-1 1/2
Atlantic Gulf & W. I.	14.800	92 1/2	94	-1 1/2
Allis-Chalmers common	8.300	17 1/2	14 1/2	-3 1/2
Allis-Chalmers preferred	7.000	97 1/2	98	-1 1/2
American Ice	200	100 1/2	94 1/2	-6 1/2
A. H. & L. common	1.200	11 1/2	11 1/2	-
A. H. & L. preferred	6.800	58 1/2	45 1/2	-13 1/2
American Wool	2.000	40 1/2	35 1/2	-5 1/2
American Sugar	4.000	96	92 1/2	-3 1/2
American Telephone	19.000	104 1/2	90 1/2	-14 1/2
American Lined Oil common	6.800	23 1/2	24 1/2	+ 1/2
American Lined Oil preferred	1.000	71 1/2	68 1/2	-3 1/2
American Tobacco	1.000	11 1/2	10 1/2	-1 1/2
Cal. Petro.	1.000	11 1/2	10 1/2	-1 1/2
Central Leather common	17.800	63	67 1/2	+4 1/2
Cuban Cane Sugar	10.800	28 1/2	25 1/2	-3 1/2
Columbia Gas	2.000	27 1/2	27 1/2	-
Con. Gas	6.000	82 1/2	77 1/2	-5 1/2
Corn P. Ref. common	53.000	26 1/2	27 1/2	+ 1/2
Corn P. Ref. preferred	8.000	80 1/2	80 1/2	-
Dixie Electric	27.800	32 1/2	26 1/2	-6 1/2
General Motor	14.200	87	84 1/2	-2 1/2
General Motor preferred	600	74 1/2	74	-1/2
Goodrich	5.700	38 1/2	38 1/2	-
Hoar's Rockwell	11.000	24 1/2	24 1/2	-
Int. M. M. common	28.800	22 1/2	17 1/2	-5 1/2
Int. M. M. preferred	181.800	93 1/2	74	-19 1/2
Lafayette	100	80	80	-
Liggett & Myers common	1.400	170	161	-9
Liggett & Myers preferred	1.400	102	99 1/2	-2 1/2
Mexican Petroleum	22.800	75 1/2	67 1/2	-8 1/2
Maxwell Motors common	4.500	28	21 1/2	-6 1/2
Maxwell Motors first preferred	1.000	54 1/2	48	-6 1/2
Maxwell Motors second preferred	3.700	25 1/2	17 1/2	-8 1/2
National Enam. common	1.900	35 1/2	32 1/2	-3 1/2
Ohio Gas	18.200	83	82	-1
Pacific Coast	1.500	26 1/2	24 1/2	-2 1/2
Papco's Gas	2.200	58	58	-
Studebaker common	56.200	43 1/2	40 1/2	-3 1/2
Studebaker preferred	11.000	36 1/2	34 1/2	-2 1/2
Texas Co.	21.800	150	121	-29
Tobacco P. Co.	14.800	46 1/2	42 1/2	-4 1/2
United States Steel	18.200	81 1/2	80 1/2	-1 1/2
United States Rubber	8.800	60 1/2	45	-15 1/2
United Fruit	2.400	110	111	+ 1/2
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	10.600	110 1/2	103 1/2	-7 1/2
W. U. C. C. common	1.200	32 1/2	32 1/2	-
W. U. C. C. preferred	4.000	82	76 1/2	-5 1/2
Westinghouse	27.700	37 1/2	34 1/2	-3 1/2
Woolworth common	2.000	16 1/2	16 1/2	-
Woolworth preferred	4.800	16 1/2	16 1/2	-
Willamette	1.100	71	69 1/2	-1 1/2
Wilson Motors	1.700	88	84 1/2	-3 1/2
White & Co.	1.000	44 1/2	42 1/2	-2 1/2

Metals and Equipments.

American Zinc common	1.400	12 1/2	11 1/2	-1 1/2
American Zinc preferred	1.00	42	42	-
American Car and Foundry common	10.700	65	60 1/2	-4 1/2
American Car and Foundry preferred	100	102 1/2	102 1/2	-
Aluminum common	8.800	81 1/2	77 1/2	-4 1/2
Alaska Gold	3.900	24	2	-22
Anacosta Copper	43.800	58 1/2	54 1/2	-4 1/2
American Smelter common	27.700	72 1/2	68 1/2	-4 1/2
American Smelter preferred	1.000	102 1/2	102 1/2	-
Baldwin Locomotive	11.800	54 1/2	50 1/2	-4 1/2
Bethlehem Steel B.	229.700	75 1/2	68 1/2	-7 1/2
Bethlehem Steel P.	1.100	16 1/2	15 1/2	-1 1/2
Colorado Fuel and Iron	8.200	33	30	-3 1/2
Chile Copper	7.800	15	13 1/2	-1 1/2
Chino Copper	8.500	42 1/2	38 1/2	-4 1/2
Crescent Steel	22.800	82 1/2	47 1/2	-35 1/2
Gulf States Steel	200	83	83	-
Great Northern Ore	5.900	20 1/2	20 1/2	-
International Nickel	14.800	21 1/2	20 1/2	-1 1/2
Kennecott Copper	18.800	26 1/2	26 1/2	-
Lackawanna Steel	17.800	80 1/2	68 1/2	-12 1/2
Midvale Steel	21.800	43 1/2	40 1/2	-3 1/2
National Lead common	1.500	42 1/2	40 1/2	-2 1/2
Nevada Cons.	6.200	15 1/2	10 1/2	-5 1/2
National Lead preferred	1.000	115 1/2	107 1/2	-8 1/2
Pressed Steel Car common	1.800	61	49	-12 1/2
Rayway Steel Springs	12.000	22 1/2	20 1/2	-2 1/2
Republic Iron and Steel common	45.000	72 1/2	68 1/2	-4 1/2
Republic Iron and Steel preferred	2.000	92	92	-
S. Sheffield	2.000	12 1/2	11 1/2	-1 1/2
United States Steel common	72.000	88 1/2	79 1/2	-9 1/2
United States Steel preferred	20.400	107 1/2	108	+ 1/2
Utah Copper	2.700	75 1/2	71 1/2	-4 1/2

Railroads.

Atchafalpa common	12.200	83 1/2	78 1/2	-5 1/2
Atchafalpa preferred	2.000	92	83	-9 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	10.200	48 1/2	45 1/2	-3 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	8.200	128 1/2	128 1/2	-
Chicago & North Western	12.800	46 1/2	42 1/2	-4 1/2
Chicago Great Western	2.100	6 1/2	6 1/2	-
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul common	11.700	89 1/2	80 1/2	-9 1/2
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul preferred	2.400	91	86	-5 1/2
Chicago Rock Island & Pacific	10.800	15 1/2	15 1/2	-
Chicago Rock Island & Pacific preferred	1.400	40	40 1/2	+ 1/2
Delaware & Hudson	4.800	95	92 1/2	-2 1/2
Erie common	2.000	13 1/2	13 1/2	-
Erie first preferred	200	17 1/2	16 1/2	-1 1/2
Erie second preferred	200	17 1/2	16 1/2	-1 1/2
Frisco	900	14 1/2	13 1/2	-1 1/2
Illinois Central	8.200	89 1/2	82 1/2	-7 1/2
Kansas City Southern common	1.800	10 1/2	10 1/2	-
Kansas City Southern preferred	1.000	48 1/2	44 1/2	-4 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	6.800	108	106 1/2	-1 1/2
Missouri, Kansas & Texas common	1.800	4 1/2	3 1/2	-1 1/2
Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred	1.800	7 1/2	7 1/2	-
Missouri Pacific	18.800	23 1/2	21 1/2	-2 1/2
Missouri Pacific preferred	6.800	30 1/2	27 1/2	-3 1/2
N. O. T. & M.	1.200	17 1/2	17 1/2	-
New York Central	20.000	65 1/2	64 1/2	-1 1/2
New York, New Haven & Hartford	11.100	29	28 1/2	-1/2
Norfolk & Western	7.700	102 1/2	90	-12 1/2
Norfolk Southern	12.800	45	43 1/2	-1 1/2
Pennsylvania	84.000	45	43 1/2	-1 1/2
Reading common	154.000	60 1/2	64 1/2	+4 1/2
Southern Pacific	28.700	81 1/2	77 1/2	-4 1/2
Southern Railway preferred	28.000	24 1/2	21 1/2	-3 1/2
Union Pacific common	60.000	11 1/2	10 1/2	-1 1/2
Union Pacific preferred	1.100	7 1/2	7 1/2	-
Wabash when issued	1.100	7 1/2	7 1/2	-
Wabash preferred A	8.200	18 1/2	18 1/2	-
Wabash preferred B	8.200	18 1/2	18 1/2	-
Western Maryland	5.200	18 1/2	18 1/2	-

\*Increase. -Decrease. Unchanged. 1/2=dividend.

Total sales for the week, 3,111,800 shares.

railed to 2 1/2. Sinclair Gulf dropped from 14 1/2 to 11. Oseage from 5 1/2 to 5 and Oklahoma from 5 1/2 to 5, rallying to 5 1/2. International Petroleum sold at 11 1/2 to 11 1/2, and Acme from 15 to 14, with a rally at the end of the week to 14 1/2.

Miscellaneous Stocks. The miscellaneous, Air Reduction dropping from 65 to 60, Cities Service from 208 to 204, U. S. Steamship from 5 1/2 to 4 1/2 and Inter-Lake from 3 1/2 to 3.

Airplane stocks were in supply at concessions, with Curtiss dropping from 10 to 7 1/2, and Wright-Martin yielding from 7 1/2 to 6 1/2 with a rally to 7.

RAILWAYS PFD. STOCK LOWER; CANDY HIGHER

Irregular Prices are the Rule at Week-End Session on Change.

ST. LOUIS CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Yesterday	\$2,551,687	\$2,466,094
Friday	\$2,551,687	\$2,466,094
Week ending Dec. 15	\$15,309,399	\$14,804,544
Previous week	\$15,309,399	\$14,804,544
Last year	\$17,192,974	\$16,448,334

Prices were irregular at the week-end session of the local Stock Exchange yesterday. United Railways preferred stock was 1 point down on offers at \$18 1/2 and the 4 sold barely steady at \$18 1/2. The common stock was not in demand. Other miscellaneous shares quoted showed no important price changes from Friday.

Bonds reflected an indifferent demand at irregular values.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.	Asked
Nat. Bank of Commerce	110 1/2
United Railways pfd.	18 1/2
U. S. Gov. 4 1/2	87
U. S. Gov. 4 1/2	87
U. S. Gov. 4 1/2	87
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New York Bond Sales.

2,000 Liberty 4 1/2	at 97.30
10,000 Liberty 4 1/2	at 97.30
10,000 Liberty 4 1/2	at 97.30
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Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, shows a decrease of \$1,100,000 in the aggregate of deposits, and a decrease of \$1,100,000 in the aggregate of loans, during the week ending Dec. 15, 1917.

Chicago Stock Market.

Reported by G. H. Walker & Co., 207 North Fourth street.

STOCKS	High	Low	Close	Change
American Can common	83	83 1/2	83 1/2	+ 1/2
American Can preferred	80	80	80	-
Atchafalpa common	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	+ 1/2
Atchafalpa preferred	101	101	101	-
Cudahy	109	111	111	+ 2
Diamond	109	111	111	+ 2
National Biscuit	91	91	91	-
Packaging	91	91	91	-
Quaker Oats	91	91	91	-
Seaboard	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	-
Stearns	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	-
Swift	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	-
Tool	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	-
Wilson & Carter	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	-

Boston Stocks Close.

Reported by G. H. Walker & Co., 207 North Fourth street.

Trust companies, cash in vaults, \$88,116.-			
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<b>Chicago Stock Market.</b>			
Reported by G. H. Walker & Co., 801 North Fourth street.			
<b>CHICAGO, Dec. 15</b>			
	Bid.	Asked	
American Can com.	83	84 1/2	
do prfd	88	90	
M. Shipbuilding	89	91	
do prfd	90	92 1/2	
N. W. Edison	101	102	
Cudahy	109	111	
Diamond Match	109	111	
National Biscuit	95	96	



## An American Editor's Observations in England

Notes of C. M. Lincoln, Managing Editor of the New York World, on Impressions of Nation in War.

These observations and comments on conditions in England in the fourth year of the war are by C. M. Lincoln of the editorial staff of the New York World, who recently returned from London. They supplement the personal impressions which he contributed to the Post-Dispatch two Sundays ago.

By C. M. LINCOLN,  
Managing Editor of the New York World.

### How soon can America have a million men in France?

Military men of England who have had opportunity or occasion to visit their American allies in France have returned to London with high opinions of what they have seen. They are much impressed with the way in which the men from the United States have gone about, creating the basic structure for the armies that are yet to come. A path of American energy has been blazed across France. The work of preparation is going forward splendidly. It is far in advance of the future needs of the soldiers we already have in France, and military men who have studied it are confident that it will keep pace with the hundreds of thousands yet to come. Just where the American camp headquarters is may not be told, of course. But British knows. More than one German airman has had a good look at it. An enterprise of such magnitude can hardly be concealed in modern warfare. England raised those great armies of hers with a rush. And there has come a realization that she has been hit very hard industrially in consequence. So a "camp-out" is coming. Thousands, scores of thousands of men, are to be taken from the ranks and put to work where they will do the most good, and from new levies men who are not as valuable will be substituted. Just now England is cataloging all the men in her home army and from that army an industrial army will be extracted and put where it will pull a much greater weight. And not only this, but England has set about cataloging every one in the country. Several millions have already been listed.

More and more the repopulation problem and the allied question of divorce and remarriage law reform are interesting England. During the period from August, 1914, to June, 1917, there were 200,000 more marriages in England and Wales than statistics show, on the average, for such a period. The majority of these were undoubtedly "war marriages," and there are no figures as to deaths in battle that might pertain directly to these marriages. All sorts of stories as to what Germany is doing in this important matter are current, many of them unprintable and most of them probably untrue. A rather impressive group of serious minded men and women in England are urging on the Government the necessity, as they put it, of releasing a million people from the bonds of mere "separation." They are pleading for a moderate extension of the divorce laws whereby this million shall be placed in a normal position with respect to the future manpower of England.

**Fewer Luxuries Imported.**  
The decrease in the importations of luxuries and unnecessary things continues. In 1915, motor cars of a

question. Large groups of them, languid, contemplative, may be seen sitting about, apparently very badly in need of a few first-class Irish loaves.

### England's Great War Loan.

The managing director of a large munitions factory was convicted of responsibility for defective shells a few days since and was sentenced to six months in prison. And what England is doing to those detected in selling food above fixed prices is "quite enough."

There are many persons in London who sometimes wonder whether England really hates enough. England is not unlike a big dog that needs prodding. She is doing mightily well, but she can stand a lot of prodding yet. She can do much more than she has yet done in the way of systematic and organization and there is still a lot of muddling to be observed.

In the way of newspaper funds, the London Times has made an extraordinary record. The total of contributions for the British Red Cross Society and for the Order of St. John has just passed \$8,000,000.

The National War Savings Committee is trying to raise \$25,000,000 every week by the sale of war bonds. It has been recently estimated that there is over a thousand million pounds lying on deposit in the banks. Up to the present the application for bonds at the Bank of England has amounted to \$102,000,000. Thus far Birmingham has taken £2,400,000, Liverpool £2,300,000, Newcastle £1,700,000, Manchester £1,600,000. The Government has just paid £50,000,000 dividends on war loans, and it is altogether probable that the greater part of this sum will be devoted to the purchase of new bonds.

### Four Lookouts for U-Boats.

There seems to be a scarcity of "Scotch." Perhaps it may be partially accounted for by the fact that 1,000,000 gallons of whisky has recently been purchased for the officers and sergeants' messes. In common the other day, the question of the cost of this liquor was brought up, but information was refused. Sweet chestnuts are being satisfactorily used in soups, puddings and sauces.

A new precaution against U-boats. The British Admiralty has ordered that all British merchantmen of 2500 tons or over must carry four men to serve as lookouts at the masthead or elsewhere.

During August, September and October this year, 485,000 officers and men arrived in England from the front on leave. The number of leaves granted for the same period last year was \$5,000.

London hears that Count Hertling, the German Chancellor, has decided that all property owned by Americans in Germany must be reported for possible confiscation.

As to sugar. Each restaurant receives its allowance on the basis of serving one-half of one pound with 28 meals.

Japan is credited with armies amounting to 2,000,000 of men in Manchuria. And they are good soldiers, good fighters.

Fifty ambulances backed up at a station platform awaiting a train, a load of wounded attracted no more attention than would so many deliv-

ery wagons on the side street of a New York department store. This has an enduring popularity. Positive evidence have I none. But my aunt's charwoman's sister's son

Heard a policeman on his beat Say to a housemaid in Downing street

That he has a brother who has a friend Who "knows" when the war is going to end.

The London theaters are offering every kind of entertainment imaginable. And they are having a much more profitable season than are theaters of New York.

A new Rolls-Royce motor for airplane is being tried out, 12 cylinders, 400 horsepower. It is believed to be capable of driving a plane 150 miles an hour.

When you go across the channel these days it is the custom to adjust life belts before leaving the dock. But after getting outside and studying the interesting things on both sides of you, and ahead of you, and behind you, and in the air above you, whatever of apprehension you may have carried on board the boat evaporates, somehow.

The weekly and monthly casualty lists which the British are publishing are often rather appalling. But when they are read it is never forgotten that the Germans have not had the courage to publish their lists for a long, long time.

The drinking hours, that is, the fixed hours during the day during which liquors may be sold, will undoubtedly be continued after the war.

England's army is overorganized. It takes far too much human machinery to produce the fighting lines, far too many men to get one man into the front trenches. If the war lasts a long time, England will find ways of abolishing much of the red tape that now obtains in her army.

### Veterans of War at 18 Years.

The chief engineers of trans-Atlantic liners which continue to carry passengers through the U-bone zone usually have a nice little pile of hand-picked coal ready for "emergencies." On a recent trip a well-known American ship, with an honorable past, was worked up to a 22-knot burst of speed when hurrying suddenly became highly desirable, a speed not shown by that particular ship since its early youth. The ship had a narrow escape, as several shells from a U-boat's five-inch deck gun dropped about her, but her sport soon put her out of range.

London has 556 registered war charities. There is a very active pacifist

movement going on in London. It has wide ramifications. It sits in the House of Commons. It shines in some newspaper. It spends \$20,000 a week in its general effort. England is beginning to wonder how many Bolos she is harboring.

It is not without significance that Lloyd George is almost the only Minister in any land on either side who has been in it from the beginning. And it is safe to say that he will be in it at the finish.

At one of the big encampments of England there is a detachment of veterans whose age averages 18½ years. Most of these boys have done from one to two years' fighting in France. They told gallant lies about their ages "to get into it." When their true ages were discovered they were sent home. But there they are keen and eager—waiting for a little more time to pass which will make them "men."

Surgical wonders continue. The difficulty of rendering paper mache nonabsorbent has been overcome. It is now possible to take a cast from a soldier's own body so that a perfect fit is obtained in whatever man may require in bodily repairs. A glove has been perfected that enables a man to write, even though he has lost all the tendons of the hand.

### KILLED IN ELEVATOR SHAFT

Robert W. Seymour, 29 years old, a pipe fitter employed by the Electric Light and Power Co., at its Ashley street plant, was injured fatally in a fall in an elevator shaft at the plant at 4 p. m. yesterday. His skull was fractured and he died a half hour after being taken to the city hospital.

Seymour was married and lived on Lewis street, near Manchester road in St. Louis County. His father, I. W. Seymour, lives at 7252 Manchester avenue. No one at the plant could give the circumstances of the accident.

### WATTS AND GOVERNOR CONFER

Banker Said to Be Considered for Police Board.

In police circles yesterday it was reported that F. O. Watts of 5389 Lindell boulevard, president of the Third National Bank, is being considered by Gov. Gardner for appointment as a Police Commissioner to succeed Philip B. Pouke, whose term expires Jan. 1.

The Governor and Watts were in conference last evening. At his home, 4508 West Pine boulevard, Gov. Gardner said he had no statement to make about police affairs.

### "BEN HUR" AND "ONE HORSE SHAY" DELIVER CITY COAL

East St. Louis Yard Solves Distribution When Wornout Horse Is Found.

The only difficulty of selling coal at the East St. Louis municipal yards of that hauling the coal free of charge, has been overcome. Someone unwittingly solved the problem when a worn out horse was abandoned on a vacant lot yesterday.

J. K. Ewing, superintendent of the Humane Society, got the horse and conceived the idea of using it to haul the coal. He went to Police Headquarters and got a ramshackle wagon that has been there several years. The wagon has three iron-bound wheels which clank along in contrast to the remaining rubber-tired wheel. A set of cast off harness was found in the engine house. It was pieced together with wire and a special providence asked to guard over it.

The horse has been named "Ben Hur." Driven by an old negro, "Ben Hur" is now delivering the coal. Contractors who furnished teams to deliver the coal had been charging two cents a bushel for deliveries.

### WIFE, 28, SAYS MILLIONAIRE, 57, DIED AFTER HE WAS KIDNAPED

Chicago Coroner Gets Information That Toledoan Met Foul Play and Starts Inquiry.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A charge that Lucius B. Berdan of Toledo, O., who died here last Wednesday, in convulsions, was kidnapped six weeks prior to his death, was contained in a telegram received here today by Coroner Hoffman from Mrs. Evelyn Berdan, who identified herself as Berdan's widow.

She asserted that her husband was restrained by persons interested in changing his will, which, she said, left all his property to her. The Coroner telegraphed in reply:

"Information has come to me anonymously that your husband died from other than natural causes. The stomach showed no signs of irritation. If you have any evidence that your husband may have died of unnatural causes hold body in a vault and wire me at once so that we can get organs necessary for a chemical analysis."

Berdan was a wholesale grocer of Toledo and left an estate valued at \$10,000,000. The Berdons were married 10 years.

Man Shoots Self Accidentally. When Alfred J. Kilpatrick, 20 years old, of 3311 Greer avenue, superintendent of the Alexander Kilpatrick & Sons Foundry, Carrie and Bulwer avenues, went to his office at 3 o'clock last night to get his revolver, he accidentally discharged the weapon and the bullet entered

the calf of his right leg. He was able to drive home in his automobile.

Two Negroes Rob Grocer of \$90. Two negro robbers got \$90.33 last night when they held up Morris Wismoff in his grocery at 2936 Park street.

## NOW ABLE TO WALK MILES—ONE YEAR AGO HELPLESS AS AN INFANT

Miss A. M. Clish Tells How She Recovered From Rheumatism That Deformed Joints

"I take walks of miles several times a month," said Miss A. M. Clish of 507 Montello St., Brockton, Mass.



MISS CLISH ON CRUTCHES.

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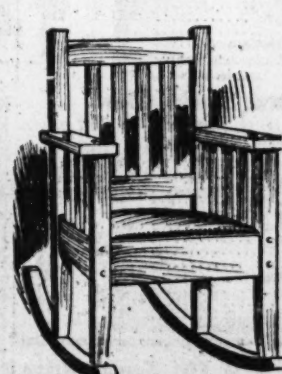
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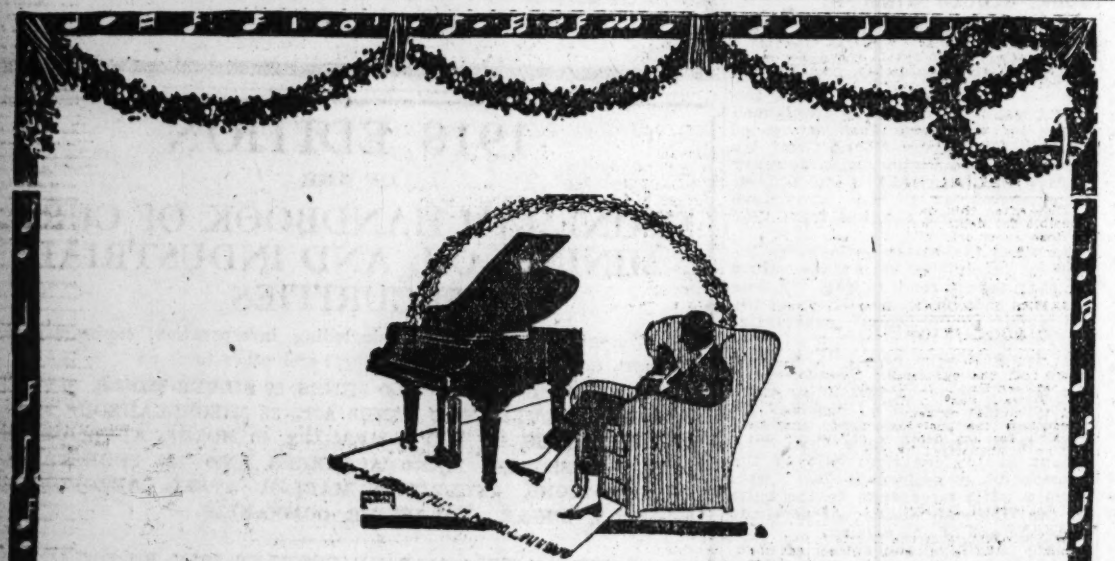
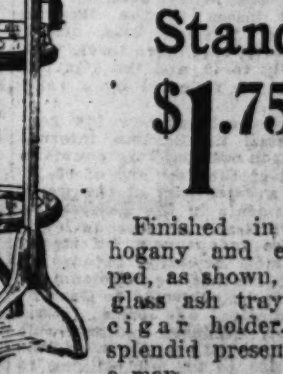
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## An American Editor's Observations in England

Notes of C. M. Lincoln, Managing Editor of the New York World, on Impressions of Nation in War.

These observations and comments on conditions in England in the fourth year of the war are by C. M. Lincoln of the editorial staff of the New York World, who recently returned from London. They supplement the personal impressions which he contributed to the Post-Dispatch two Sundays ago.

By C. M. LINCOLN,  
Managing Editor of the New York World.

### How soon can America have a million men in France?

Military men of England who have had opportunity or occasion to visit their American allies in France have returned to London with high opinions of what they have seen. They are much impressed with the way in which the men from the United States have gone about creating the basic structure for the armies that are yet to come. A path of American energy has been blazed across France. The work of preparation is going forward splendidly. It is far in advance of the future needs of the soldiers we already have in France, and military men who have studied it are confident that it will keep pace with the hundreds of thousands yet to come. Just where the American camps headquarters is may not be told, of course. But Berlin knows. More than one German airman had a good look at it. An enterprise of such magnitude can hardly be concealed in modern warfare.

England raised those great armies of hers with a rush. And there has come a realization that she has been all too hard industrially in consequence. So a "camp-out" is coming. Thousands, scores of thousands of men, are to be taken from the ranks and put to work where they will do the most good, and from new levies men who are not as valuable will be substituted. Just now England is cataloging all the men in her home army and from that army an industrial army will be extracted—and put where it will pull a much greater weight. And not only this, but England has set about cataloging every one in the country. Several millions have already been listed.

More and more the repopulation problem and the allied question of divorce and remarriage law reform are interesting England. During the period from August, 1914, to June, 1917, there were 200,000 more marriages in England and Wales than statistics show, on the average, for a normal period. The majority of these were undoubtedly "war marriages," and there are no figures as to deaths in battle that might pertain directly to these marriages. All sorts of stories as to what Germany is doing in this important matter are current; many of them unprintable and most of them probably untrue. A rather impressive group of serious minded men and women in England are urging on the Government the necessity, as they put it, of releasing a million people from the bonds of mere "separation." They are pleading for a moderate extension of the divorce laws whereby this million shall be placed in a normal position with respect to the future manpower of England.

**Fewer Luxuries Imported.**  
The decrease in the importations of luxuries and unnecessary things continues. In 1915, motor cars of a

question. Large groups of them, languid, contemplative, may be seen sitting alone, apparently very badly in need of a few first-class Irish losses.

### England's Great War Loan.

The managing director of a large munitions factory was convicted of responsibility for defective shells a few days since and was sentenced to six months in prison. And what England is doing to those detected in selling food above fixed prices is "quite enough!"

There are many persons in London who sometimes wonder whether England really hates enough! England is not unlike a big dog that needs prodding. She is doing mighty well, but she can stand a lot of prodding yet. She can do much more than she has yet, doing in the worst of systematization and organization and there is still a lot of muddling to be observed.

In the way of newspaper funds, the London Times has made an extraordinary record. The total of its collections for the British Red Cross Society and for the Order of St. John has just passed \$5,000,000. The National War Savings Committee is trying to raise \$25,000,000 every week by the sale of war bonds. It has been recently estimated that there is over a thousand million worth of bonds on deposit in the banks. Up to the present the application for bonds at the Bank of England has amounted to \$100,000,000. Thus far Birmingham has taken \$2,400,000; Liverpool \$2,300,000; Newcastle \$1,700,000; Manchester \$1,600,000. The Government has just paid \$50,000,000 dividends on war loans, and it is altogether probable that the greater part of this sum will be devoted to the purchase of new bonds.

**Four Lookouts for U-Boats.**  
There seems to be a scarcity of "Scotch." Perhaps it may be partially accounted for by the fact that 1,000,000 gallons of whisky have recently been purchased for the officers and sergeants' messes. In consequence the other day, the question of the cost of this liquor was brought up, but information was refused. Sweet chestnuts are being satisfactorily used in soups, puddings and sauces.

A new precaution against U-boats. The British Admiralty has ordered that all British merchantmen of 2500 tons or over must carry four men to serve as lookouts at the masthead or elsewhere.

During August, September and October this year, 485,000 officers and men arrived in England from the front on leave. The number of leaves granted for the same period last year was \$6,000.

London hears that Count Hertling, the German Chancellor, has decided that all property owned by Americans in Germany must be reported for possible confiscation.

As to sugar. Each restaurant receives its allowance on the basis of serving one-half of one pound with 28 meals. Japan is credited with armies amounting to 2,000,000 of men in Manchuria. And they are good soldiers, good fighters.

Fifty ambulances backed up at a station platform awaiting a train. A load of wounded attracted no more attention than would so many deliv-

ery wagons on the side street of a New York department store.

This has an enduring popularity. Positive evidence have I none. But my aunt's charwoman's sister's son.

Heard a policeman on his beat say to a housemaid in Downing street That he has a brother who has a friend Who "knows" when the war is going to end.

The London theaters are offering every kind of entertainment imaginable. And they are having a much more profitable season than are the theaters of New York.

A new Rolls-Royce motor for air-planes is being tried out, 12 cylinders, 400 horsepower. It is believed to be capable of driving a plane 150 miles an hour.

When you go across the channel these days it is the custom to adjust life belts before leaving the dock. But after getting outside and studying the interesting things on both sides of you, and ahead of you, and behind you, and in the air above you, whatever of apprehension you may have carried on board the boat evaporates, somehow.

The weekly and monthly casualty lists which the British are publishing are often rather appalling. But when they are read it is never forgotten that the Germans have not had the courage to publish their lists for a long time.

The drinking hours, that is, the fixed hours during the day during which liquors may be sold, will undoubtedly be continued after the war.

England's army is overorganized.

It takes far too much human machinery to produce the fighting lines, far too many men to get one man into the front trenches. If the war lasts a long time, England will find ways of abolishing much of the red tape that now obtains in her army.

**Veterans of War at 18 Years.**

The chief engineers of trans-Atlantic liners which continue to carry passengers through the U-boat zone usually have a nice little pile of hand-picked coal ready for "emergencies." On a recent trip a well-known American ship, with an honorable past, was worked up to a 22-knot burst of speed when hurrying suddenly became highly desirable, a speed not shown by that particular ship since its early youth. The ship had a narrow escape, as several shells from a U-boat's five-inch deck gun dropped about her, but her speed put her out of range.

London has 556 registered war charities. There is a very active pacifist

movement going on in London. It has wide ramifications. It sits in the House of Commons. It shines in some newspaper. It spends \$20,000 a week in its general effort. England is beginning to wonder how many Bolos she is harboring.

It is not without significance that Lloyd George is almost the only Minister in any land on either side who has been in the front during the beginning. And it is safe to say that he will be in it at the finish.

At one of the big encampments of veterans whose age averages 18½ years. Most of these boys have done from one to two years' fighting in France. They told gallant lies about their ages "to get into it." When their true ages were discovered they were sent home. But there they are keen and eager—waiting for a little more time to pass which will make them "men."

Surgical wonders continue. The difficulty of rendering papier mache nonabsorbent has been overcome. It is now possible to take a cast from a soldier's own body so that a perfect fit is obtained in whatever man may require in bodily repairs. A glove has been perfected that enables a man to write, even though he has lost all the tendons of the hand.

### KILLED IN ELEVATOR SHAFT

Robert W. Seymour, 29 years old, a pipe fitter employed by the Union Electric Light and Power Co., at its Ashley street plant, was injured fatally in a fall in an elevator shaft at the plant at 4 p. m. yesterday. His skull was fractured and he died a half hour after being taken to the city hospital.

Seymour was married and lived on Lewis street, near Manchester road in St. Louis County. His father, I. W. Seymour, lives at 7252 Manchester avenue. No one at the plant could give the circumstances of the accident.

### WATTS AND GOVERNOR CONFER

Banker Said to Be Considered for Police Board.

In police circles yesterday it was reported that F. O. Watts of 3393 Lindell boulevard, president of the Third National Bank, is being considered by Gov. Gardner for appointment as a Police Commissioner to succeed Philip B. Fouke, whose term expires Jan. 1.

The Governor and Watts were in conference last evening. At his home, 4505 West Pine boulevard, Gov. Gardner said he had no statement to make about police affairs.

### "BEN HUR" AND "ONE HORSE SHAY" DELIVER CITY COAL

East St. Louis Yard Solves Distribution When Wornout Horse Is Found.

The only difficulty of selling coal at the East St. Louis municipal yards that of hauling the coal free of charge, has been overcome. Someone unwittingly solved the problem when a worn out horse was abandoned on a vacant lot yesterday.

J. K. Ewing, superintendent of the Humane Society, got the horse and conceived the idea of using it to haul the coal. He went to Police Headquarters and got a ramshackle wagon that has been there several years. The wagon has three iron-bound wheels which clank along in contrast to the remaining rubber-tired wheel. A set of cast off harness was found in the engine house. It was placed together with wire and a special providence asked to guard over it.

The horse has been named "Ben Hur." Driven by an old negro, "Ben Hur" is now delivering the coal. Contractors who furnished teams to deliver the coal had been charging two cents a bushel for deliveries.

### WIFE, 28, SAYS MILLIONAIRE, 57, DIED AFTER HE WAS KIDNAPED

Chicago Coroner Gets Information That Toledoan Met Foul Play and Starts Inquiry.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A charge that Lucius B. Berdan of Toledo, O., who died here last Wednesday, in convulsions, was kidnapped six weeks prior to his death, was contained in a telegram received here today by Coroner Hoffman from Mrs. Evelyn Berdan, who identified herself as Berdan's widow.

She asserted that her husband was restrained by persons interested in changing his will, which, she said, left all his property to her. The Coroner telegraphed in reply:

"Information has come to me anonymously that your husband died from other than natural causes. The stomach showed no signs of irritation. If you have any evidence that your husband may have died of unnatural causes hold body in a vault and wire me at once so that we can get organs necessary for a chemical analysis."

Berdan was a wholesale grocer of Toledo and left an estate valued at \$10,000,000. The Berdons were married 10 years.

**Man Shoots Self Accidentally.**  
When Alfred J. Kilpatrick, 20 years old, of 3311 Greer avenue, superintendent of the Alexander Kilpatrick & Sons Foundry, Carrie and Volvener avenues, went to his office at 9 o'clock last night to get his revolver, he accidentally discharged the weapon and the bullet entered

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**Two Negroes Rob Grocer of Two Dollars.**  
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# POULTRY, BIRDS and ANIMALS

## CLEAR \$450 ON 250 CHICKENS IN ONE YEAR

Missouri Farmer Profited by Instructions He Received During Farmers' Week.

Three years ago a Ray County (Mo.) farmer attended farmers' week at Columbia and specialized in poultry. This year he will go back to tell of his success as a poultryman. In 12 months his hens laid 141 eggs. He sold and consumed \$116.00 worth of poultry and \$168.34 worth of eggs. The feed cost was \$243.39, leaving him a labor income of \$243.39 from his chickens. During the last 12 months his poultry flock of 250 birds has returned him a labor income above the feed cost of \$450. The feed was charged at the retail price that obtained during the month it was fed.

This man has done no more than any farmer can do if we will follow out the best methods in caring for his poultry. Farmers' week lectures and demonstrations will help other poultrymen to increase the efficiency of their flocks. The principles and practices of poultry raising are taught in a simple, direct way and if followed out will bring results.

In addition to the poultry specialists of the College of Agriculture, the United States Department of Agriculture, the University of Wisconsin and the United States Department of Agriculture, these men have had practical experience in poultry production, and the methods which they will suggest are those which have proved satisfactory in their work.

One of the great needs of the nation is animal food to take the place of beef, pork and mutton. Poultry and eggs offer the surest and quickest means of supplying a satisfactory substitute for these foods. The rapidity with which poultry can be reproduced, the ability of the birds to utilize the waste products of the farm, and the fact that women and children furnish most of the labor in caring for them, make poultry growing a very important war industry. At no time has efficient poultry production been more necessary.

During the first 11 months of 1917 the Post-Dispatch printed 21,643 Business Opportunity Want Ads—3687 more than the FOUR other St. Louis newspapers combined.

## Open Front Henhouse

See that the water in the drinking pan does not remain frozen. Plenty of water is just as important in producing winter eggs as is the right kind of feed.

If you are going to need a male to head your pen or will need eggs for hatching you had better place your order now. The demand is going to far exceed the supply. The earlier you place your order the better selection you will get.

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## QUISENBERRY EXPECTS SPRING POULTRY BOOM

Believes That Low-Priced Feed and Government Stimulation Will Increase Production.

BY T. E. QUISENBERRY.  
Leavenworth, Kan., President of the American School of Poultry Husbandry.

My advice is to get ready for a big poultry business in the spring of 1918. With corn, corn meal, dairy crops and other poultry feed on the decline, and with eggs and poultry prices advancing to a reasonable figure compared to the cost of production I feel certain that the time is at hand when poultry and eggs are going to be in demand for hatching, breeding and market purposes, and at profitable prices. At no time in the last few years has it seemed to me that poultrymen would go into the season with a greater assurance of success and a reasonable profit than just now.

The Government is sending out a large force of men to help educate the public and to encourage production. They insist upon every back yard and every general farm being used to the limit for this purpose. The United States Department of Agriculture says that no kind of livestock can be produced so rapidly or economically as poultry and eggs. The Food Administrators says that poultry feeds will be from 25 per cent to 40 per cent lower than they were last fall. These facts should interest and encourage every one interested in any branch of the industry.

Begin now to get ready for a good season's business. Don't wait until the hatching season is on, but get out your old incubator and clean it out. See that the parts are all there, that the tank don't leak and that the burner and everything is clean and in good condition. If you are going to need a new incubator you may not be able to get one if you wait until the last minute. There is going to be a big demand, so place your order now.

Take a final look at the breeding stock. See that they are all in good health and lay eggs with firm shells. Cull out those which lay small sized and off-colored eggs. Every poultryman should have his breeding stock selected and mated by January first. Don't breed from the whole flock if you have a large number from which to select, but pick out your choicest females and mate with your choicest males. That is the only way to make real progress.

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## 17 VARIETIES ARE IN LEAVENWORTH CONTEST

Illinois White Wyandotte Laid 23 Eggs in November, Quisenberry Shows.

In the Breeders' Contest now being conducted at Leavenworth, Kan., there are 17 varieties of poultry entered, according to T. E. Quisenberry, president of the American School of Poultry Husbandry. The five leading pens for November were:

Pen 46, Illinois, White Wyandottes, 39 eggs; pen 9, Ohio, S. C. Buff Leghorns, 36 eggs; pen 48, Ohio, Light Sussex, 34 eggs; pen 45, Connecticut, White Wyandottes, 33 eggs; pen 23, Indiana, Barred Rocks, 33 eggs.

In the individual records six pullets are shown to have laid 20 or more eggs each. Bird No. 435, White Wyandotte, Illinois, laid 23 eggs. Bird No. 385, Silver Wyandotte, South Dakota, laid 22 eggs. Bird No. 233, Barred Plymouth Rock, Indiana; 333, Silver Wyandotte, Illinois, and 434, White Wyandotte, Illinois, 20 eggs each.

Thirty-one states are represented in the Leavenworth contest. The five highest pens, five birds to a pen, were:

Pen 67, Hollywood Farm, Hollywood, Wash., 38 eggs; pen 70, Washington, 31 eggs; pen 110, Pennsylvania, 26 eggs; pen 66, Dr. R. Schmidt, Hanibal, Mo., 23 eggs; pen 107, Missouri, 21 eggs.

Best individual Leavenworth records were: Illinois, White Wyandotte, No. 435, 23 eggs; South Dakota, Silver Wyandotte, No. 385, 22 eggs; and Indiana, Barred Plymouth Rock, No. 233, Illinois, Silver Wyandotte, No. 335, 22 eggs. White Wyandotte, No. 434, 20 eggs each.

Twenty-four hens in the "Feeling Contest," open to hens in their second year as layers, showed the following results:

Pen No. 1, White Plymouth Rocks, Illinois, 34 eggs; pen 43, R. I. Whites, Texas, 33 eggs; pen 37, White Wyandottes, Arkansas, 33 eggs; pen 18, Silver Wyandottes, South Dakota, 32 eggs; pen 45, R. I. Whites, New Jersey, 32 eggs.

Best individual hen in the contest was a Silver Wyandotte from South Dakota, which laid 19 eggs.

**Oil Company's Best Deals for President**

Application for Receivership Discloses That Chief Officer Really Owned Profitable Leases.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 15.—Too much Wallingfording by officials of the Crescent Oil and Gas Co., a Wichita concern, is alleged by John Hunt, assistant attorney-general, who has filed an application for a receiver in the Sedgewick County District Court.

John E. Herman, president of the company, is charged with financial operations which have resulted in a company trouble. Herman, according to the petition prepared by the Attorney-General's office, laid aside a neat little bank account as a result of his operations at the expense of the Crescent company stockholders.

Herman, Hunt alleges, in one deal sold 1000 shares of company stock at \$26 a share. He turned \$8 a share into the company treasury and deposited the remaining \$17,000 from the sale of the 1000 shares to his own credit. The blue sky board allowed the company not more than 20 per cent for promotion. Herman took the 20 per cent as well as the profits and gave the company \$8000 from the \$25,000 stock sale.

But Herman, the petition relates, did not stop there. The State charges that he purported to sell 1035 shares of company stock at \$25 a share, but instead of delivering the shares he kept the \$25,000 stock sale money in his pocket. Herman, the petition relates, did not stop there. The State charges that he purported to sell 1035 shares of company stock at \$25 a share, but instead of delivering the shares he kept the \$25,000 stock sale money in his pocket.

Then Herman negotiated for the Waite lease in Butler County. The show committee comprises John A. Schmidt, A. Menze, P. J. Brandt, Phil Bauer and Herman Kastrop.

Several productive wells have been found on the Waite lease. Recently Herman gave the stockholders a tip. He told them the lease didn't belong to the company. It belonged to him personally. And he produced papers to establish his claim.

In his operation Herman is charged with the use of the company's name and blanks that he represented to make sales and leases for the company. Instead, Herman is charged with operating for Herman and Herman alone. Charter laws and the blue sky permit of the State have been violated through the Herman activities, it is charged, and the courts have been asked to provide a receivership, terminate the corporate existence of the company and deny it the right to do business in Kansas. A receivership over a one-half interest in the Waite lease is also asked for the protection of innocent stockholders in the Crescent company.

**Experimental Work**

Condensed and illustrated results of experimental work in poultry and egg laying are shown in the recent bulletin of the Missouri State Poultry Experiment Station of Mountain Grove, entitled "Poultry Facts Expressed Briefly." The recent egg-laying contest, won by a bird that produced 258 eggs in a year, is set forth in numerous articles and illustrations.

The bulletin will be sent free to any resident of Missouri upon application.

**Sixth Annual Ham and Bacon Show Jan. 14-18**

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 15.—The sixth annual ham and bacon show will be held here under the auspices of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture during Farmers' Week, Jan. 14 to 18. Hams for exhibition must be genuine old country cured at least 10 months old. Shoulders, bacon and sausage may also be exhibited. These may be made from hogs killed this season. Every farmer in Missouri is invited to compete. No farmer can exhibit more than one item in each class.

**Man With Stolen Leather Arrested**

Hyman Frank, proprietor of a shoe store at 1517 South Broadway, was arrested yesterday, following the discovery in his stable of several bales of leather, part of a \$500 shipment stolen last week from a freight car in North St. Louis, belonging to the Howe Bros. Leather Co., 1321 Grand street. Frank says he bought the leather for \$120 from two men in an automobile on Dec. 10.

## ANY KITCHEN EQUIPPED FOR CANNING CHICKEN

Utensils in Everyday Use All That Is Needed for Work.

Although canning chicken is a new idea to many housekeepers, it can be done successfully with the equipment that is found in the average kitchen. A water bath canner may be made of a bucket, lard can, wash boiler or any vessel with a tightly fitting lid. The vessel must be deep enough so that the water will come at least an inch over the top of the jar. A false bottom is necessary to keep the jars from breaking.

For the woman who has canned fruits and vegetables by the cold pack method the canning of chicken offers no difficulties, since the method used is much the same. "Even the amateur can do this work successfully," says Miss Wenona Windsor of the Missouri College of Agriculture.

There is no question but that the best place for cull chickens is in a jar, ready for table use. Canning changes a nonproductive fowl from a liability into an asset. Such a chicken does not eat high-priced feed, does not require daily attention and takes up much less space on the poultry shelf than it does in the poultry house. At a few moments' notice the canned chicken can be prepared for the table in any one of many appetizing ways—fried chicken, smothered chicken, stewed chicken with dumplings, creamed chicken, chicken a la king, chicken and rice, croquette, loaf salad or practically any way fresh chicken can be prepared except baked whole.

Method 1, given below, is for small, fry-size chickens. Method 2 and 3 may be used for chickens of any size.

Method 1—Dress the chicken, separating it into sections or leaving it whole as preferred. Season and fry as for serving. When the meat is three-fourths done remove from the fire and pack the chicken in a clean, hot glass jar. If the chicken is whole break the neck and legs, roll the chicken up into a small roll, tie with string or fasten with toothpicks.

A quart jar should hold two or more small chickens. Pour over the chicken the hot liquid from the frying pan, if necessary adding hot water to fill the jar completely. Adjust the rubbers and tops, leaving the latter slightly loose. Place in a water bath canner and sterilize from 90 to 120 minutes, depending upon the size of the chicken. Remove and tighten the covers immediately.

Method 2—Dress the chicken and leave whole or cut into pieces, as preferred. Cover with boiling water and simmer until the meat can be separated from the bones. Return the bones to the liquid and boil it down one-half. Pack the meat closely in hot glass jars, add one level teaspoonful salt to each quart and fill the jars with the meat can be separated from the bones. Return the bones to the liquid and boil it down one-half. Pack the meat closely in hot glass jars, add one level teaspoonful salt to each quart and fill the jars with the meat can be separated from the bones.

Method 3—Cut the dressed, raw chicken into convenient sections. Pack into glass jars, add one teaspoonful salt to each quart, fill the jars with boiling water, adjust the rubbers and tops as above and sterilize in a water bath canner 3 1/2 to 4 hours.

**DEMAND FOR HOMES ABSORBING SUPPLY, ALTHEIMER DECLARES**

Warehouses With Shipping Facilities Also Subject of Inquiry, Many From the Outside.

Benjamin Altheimer Jr. of the Benjamin Altheimer & Bro. Realty Co. is overflooded with optimism as to the outlook for the coming year, and the new is rapidly absorbing the list of dwellings.

"The demand will soon exceed the supply if a new residential crop is not forthcoming."

"As showing the rental demand over center houses two weeks ago from a rent list in the Sunday Post-Dispatch."

"There is a notable call for warehouses with terminal facilities, to provide for the increased demand in the city for distributing purposes. Many of these warehouses are sought by outside interests."

"As a matter of fact, business in our office has been at high tide for a long time."

**Altheimer Rental List Enlarged.**

The Benjamin Altheimer & Bro. Realty Co. has been appointed agents for the St. Louis property of the J. D. Kaune estate and for that of the Florida Land Co. The former comprises 30 houses on Washington avenue and the entire block bounded by Eighth, Seventh, Biddle and O'Fallon streets. The property of the Florida Land Co. is located in various parts of the city. The monthly rentals of the two interests, aggregate approximately \$5000 a month.

Efficiency in office or factory work is made possible through the prompt responses brought by the POST-DISPATCH Help Wanted Ads.

**Why?**

Quality and Quantity Circulation that sells more automobiles. Average for 11 months, 1917: Sunday, 360,876 Daily and Sunday, 193,573 92% weekday in St. Louis and suburbs.

**"First in Everything"**

Automobile Advertising is a positive index of quality circulation. Consequently the following comparison between St. Louis' One Big Newspaper and its next nearest competitor makes "mighty interestin' readin'."

**Automobile Display Advertising**

Comparative Figures for Nov., 1917, and Nov., 1916

	Nov. 1917	Nov. 1916	Gain.	Loss.
POST-DISPATCH	37,636	34,426	3210	
Globe-Democrat	31,526	33,880		2354

Excess for Post-Dispatch, 6,110 546

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## Experimental Work

Condensed and illustrated results of experimental work in poultry and egg laying are shown in the recent bulletin of the Missouri State Poultry Experiment Station of Mountain Grove, entitled "Poultry Facts Expressed Briefly." The recent egg-laying contest, won by a bird that produced 258 eggs in a year, is set forth in numerous articles and illustrations.

The bulletin will be sent free to any resident of Missouri upon application.

**Sixth Annual Ham and Bacon Show Jan. 14-18**

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 15.—The sixth annual ham and bacon show will be held here under the auspices of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture during Farmers' Week, Jan. 14 to 18. Hams for exhibition must be genuine old country cured at least 10 months old. Shoulders, bacon and sausage may also be exhibited. These may be made from hogs killed this season. Every farmer in Missouri is invited to compete. No farmer can exhibit more than one item in each class.

**Man With Stolen Leather Arrested**

Hyman Frank, proprietor of a shoe store at 1517 South Broadway, was arrested yesterday, following the discovery in his stable of several bales of leather, part of a \$500 shipment stolen last week from a freight car in North St. Louis, belonging to the Howe Bros. Leather Co., 1321 Grand street. Frank says he bought the leather for \$120 from two men in an automobile on Dec. 10.

**Oil Company's Best Deals for President**

Application for Receivership Discloses That Chief Officer Really Owned Profitable Leases.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 15.—Too much Wallingfording by officials of the Crescent Oil and Gas Co., a Wichita concern, is alleged by John Hunt, assistant attorney-general, who has filed an application for a receiver in the Sedgewick County District Court.

John E. Herman, president of the company, is charged with financial operations which have resulted in a company trouble. Herman, according to the petition prepared by the Attorney-General's office, laid aside a neat little bank account as a result of his operations at the expense of the Crescent company stockholders.

Herman, Hunt alleges, in one deal sold 1000 shares of company stock at \$26 a share. He turned \$8 a share into the company treasury and deposited the remaining \$17,000 from the sale of the 1000 shares to his own credit. The blue sky board allowed the company not more than 20 per cent for promotion. Herman took the 20 per cent as well as the profits and gave the company \$8000 from the \$25,000 stock sale.

But Herman, the petition relates, did not stop there. The State charges that he purported to sell 1035 shares of company stock at \$25 a share, but instead of delivering the shares he kept the \$25,000 stock sale money in his pocket. Herman, the petition relates, did not stop there. The State charges that he purported to sell 1035 shares of company stock at \$25 a share, but instead of delivering the shares he kept the \$25,000 stock sale money in his pocket.

Then Herman negotiated for the Waite lease in Butler County. The show committee comprises John A. Schmidt, A. Menze, P. J. Brandt, Phil Bauer and Herman Kastrop.

Several productive wells have been found on the Waite lease. Recently Herman gave the stockholders a tip. He told them the lease didn't belong to the company. It belonged to him personally. And he produced papers to establish his claim.



# FURS FIRE SALE!

Save  $\frac{1}{2}$  Off Original Price

Our Entire Stock Has Been Slightly Damaged by Smoke Only

For which the insurance companies have settled with us on a very liberal basis.

Our fur sale has been a great success as the St. Louis public seems to be very good judges of values. You are buying at our sale, furs of the highest quality, and pay less than you would for cheap furs elsewhere.

## Everything Is Practically Cut in Two

This sale will continue until Christmas. We hope by that time all of our furs will be disposed of.

We are known for the past twenty years and have the reputation of carrying only the highest grade of furs obtainable, and this opportunity of buying your furs of us, with our guarantee, at the present market price is an OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME.

## We Carry a Complete Line of Furs of Every Description

too numerous to mention. A visit to our store will quickly convince you that this is a genuine sale, at prices only to cover our cost after deducting the insurance money we have already received.

**Alex F. Kessler Fur and Hat Co.**  
511 OLIVE STREET

## BOUND BY 2 MEN AND ROBBED OF JEWELRY, WOMAN DECLARES

Servants Also Found Tied in Home of Mrs. Jennie Plan—Loss Placed at \$1700.

Mrs. Jennie Plan of 4651 Newberry terrace, wife of Samuel Plan, a jeweler at 925 Franklin avenue, called passers-by into her home about 10.30 yesterday morning and told them a story of having been robbed of her jewelry by two men who, she said, bound and gagged her and two servants. The servants were still tied, but Mrs. Plan had partly freed herself.

She said the men got into the house by representing themselves as electric meter inspectors, and that they then said they were jewelry salesmen and demanded to see her jewelry. When she refused to show them her diamonds, she said, they tore the telephone from the wall and bound and gagged her and the servants, after which they took her diamond earrings and a bag of jewelry which she carried in her bosom. She said she valued all the articles at more than \$1700.

Mrs. Plan's husband was held up more than two years ago near his home and a diamond ring was taken from his finger.

## ACCUSED OF DISLOYAL TALK

Floyd Bliss, Carpenter, Turned Over to Federal Authorities.

Floyd Bliss of 6023 Harney avenue was turned over to the police yesterday to the Federal authorities, charged with having violated the espionage act. Bliss is declared by the police to have said: "To hell with France, to hell with America and to hell with England. Any man who would fight for England is a fool."

Bliss is of English descent and was picked up by the police several weeks ago, when he said he had been held up, robbed and beaten. He was in the hospital more than two weeks. He is a carpenter employed by the Union Electric Light and Power Co.

## DEMOCRATS INDORSE SUFFRAGE

The Democratic Central Committee of St. Louis County yesterday passed a resolution indorsing woman suffrage, and calling on members of Congress to support it.

The committee also passed a resolution asking the Republican County Committee to meet with it for the purpose of considering patriotic work which the two committees might undertake jointly. The sale of war thrift stamps was mentioned as one of the possible activities.

Gifts That Last Forever

## DON'T GO BROKE

buying Christmas Presents—get all your presents here and pay just a little down and the rest in very easy weekly or monthly payments, as you get your money and when you don't need the money as you do at Christmas time.

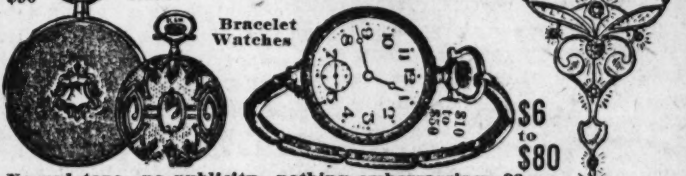
## CONFIDENTIAL CREDIT

(EASY PAYMENTS)  
GENUINE BLUE WHITE DIAMONDS



\$100 \$40 \$20 \$60 \$35

Our First Payment Is Always Astonishingly Low



No red tape—no publicity—nothing embarrassing—30 years of selling this way has worked out our extremely simple method for you.

PLAIN FIGURE PRICES Ear Screws, Studs, Brooches, Bracelets, Chains, Rings, Pins, Clocks, Ivory Toilet Sets, Silk Umbrellas, Rogers' Silverware, Everything.

OPEN EVERY NIGHT  
**F. H. INGALLS CO.** 416 N. 7th St. SECOND FLOOR.

## Genuine Black Fruit Cake

The most delicious you ever tasted. Only the very finest ingredients enter into the making of Country Club Fruit Cakes—dates, figs, rehydrated sultana raisins, citron, almonds, pecans, crystallized cherries, powdered sugar, pure creamery butter, flour, prime fresh eggs and pure spices. All carefully cleaned and properly prepared before mixing. This unusual care and cleanliness account for the velvety smoothness and freedom from grit to be found only in Country Club Fruit Cakes. The low price is possible only through advantageous buying of the materials and quantity output.

Think of it—a big delicious Fruit Cake, better quality than you get at 60c per pound.....

2 Lbs. Average 50c Each...  
At All Kroger Stores

The Sunday Post-Dispatch has over ONE-HALF MILLION more readers than any other newspaper west of the Mississippi. "First in Everything."

MAY, STERN & CO.

# Over 100 High-Grade USED PIANOS and PLAYERS in this Christmas Sale



## At Lowest Prices We Ever Named

THE success of this sale has surpassed all expectations—and we are prepared for even greater crowds this week. If you are not quite ready to invest in a new instrument, this sale offers you an opportunity to gladden your home with a high-class Piano or Player-Piano at an extraordinary saving. All have been thoroughly overhauled—look almost like new—and are fully guaranteed. We mention but a few of the great values this sale presents.

PIANO DEPT. OPEN UNTIL 9 P. M. UNTIL XMAS



## H. P. Nelson Player

Was \$750 When New

THIS is a splendid 88-note Player-Piano—has been thoroughly overhauled and makes an excellent appearance—was \$750 when new—a real bargain for someone at our special price of.....

\$298



## Celotone Player

Was \$550 When New

A PLAYER-PIANO of beautiful appearance and remarkably sweet tone—has been used only a short time and has been put in splendid condition—sold for \$550.00 when new—in this sale at.....

\$295



## Cambridge Player

Was \$500 When New

SPEAKING of bargains, here's one for you. This is a high-grade Player-Piano—beautiful oak case—best player action—almost as good as original price—sold for \$500.00 when new—in this sale at.....

\$198



## Beckman Player

Was \$575 When New

OF course, there's only one of each—wish we had more—high-class Player-Piano—mahogany case—looks like new—sold originally for \$575.00—in this sale at.....

\$285



## Henning Piano

Was \$500 When New

THIS Henning Piano has been thoroughly overhauled by our experts—and will give years of good service—was \$500.00 when new—in this sale at.....

\$105



## Bahnsen

Was \$450 When New

A SPLENDID Piano in ebony case—has been service, but the tone and action are still perfect—was \$450 when new—special in this sale at.....

\$72



## Crown Piano

Was \$400 When New

THE Crown Piano is too well known to need any detailed description. This one has been put in good condition—comes in mahogany case—and sold for \$400 when new—in this sale at.....

\$110



## Gilbert Piano

Was \$425 When New

SOME music lover is going to pick up a remarkable value in this high-grade Gilbert Piano—has mahogany case—looks like new—sold originally for \$425.00—in this sale at.....

\$135



## Fischer Piano

A HANDSOME Piano in ebony case—was \$600 when new—in this sale at.....

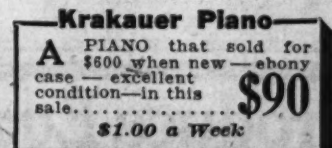
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## Richmond Piano

A excellent make—mahogany case—looks like new—originally sold for \$400—was \$400 when new—in this sale at.....

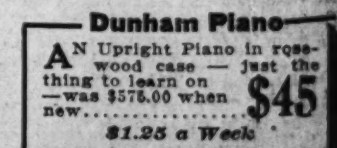
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## Krakauer Piano

A PIANO that sold for \$500 when new—ebony case—excellent condition—in this sale at.....

\$90



## Dunham Piano

A Upright Piano in rosewood case—just the thing to learn on—was \$375 when new—in this sale at.....

\$45



## Martin Bros. Piano

A GOOD Piano in mahogany case—was \$390.00 when new—a real bargain at this price—sold for \$390.00 when new—in this sale at.....

\$90



## Hayden Piano

THIS Hayden is in mahogany case—was \$475 when new—a good Piano for a beginner—in this sale at.....

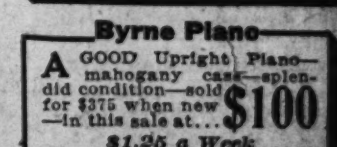
\$38



## Estey Piano

A MAHOGANY case—the original price just one year ago was \$450—will be closed out in this sale for.....

\$155



## Byrne Piano

A GOOD Upright Piano—mahogany case—splendid condition—sold for \$375 when new—in this sale at.....

\$100

## With Each Player

We include 24 rolls of Player-Music, Bench, Scarf and 10-year guarantee.

**MAY, STERN & CO.**

Cor. 12th and Olive Streets

## With Each Piano

We include handsome Scarf, Stool and our written 10-year guarantee of satisfaction.

# COLISEUM TONIGHT

## Great Red Cross Meeting

A fine band concert starting at 7 o'clock by the Jefferson Barracks Band---

The Pageant Chorus of two hundred voices, under the leadership of Frederick Fischer---their opening number to be a selection from the creation---"The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God."

Most Rev. Archbishop Jno. J. Glennon, Messrs. Lee Meriwether, Geo. W. Simmons, Rev. Z. B. T. Phillips and Rabbi Leon Harrison.

Overflow meetings at the Overland and Packard buildings.

A Glorious Meeting—Quick, Short, Snappy Program Starts Promptly at Eight O'Clock



# The POST-DISPATCH SUNDAY MAGAZINE

SUNDAY,

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## Born, Bombed and Decorated, All in Two Days

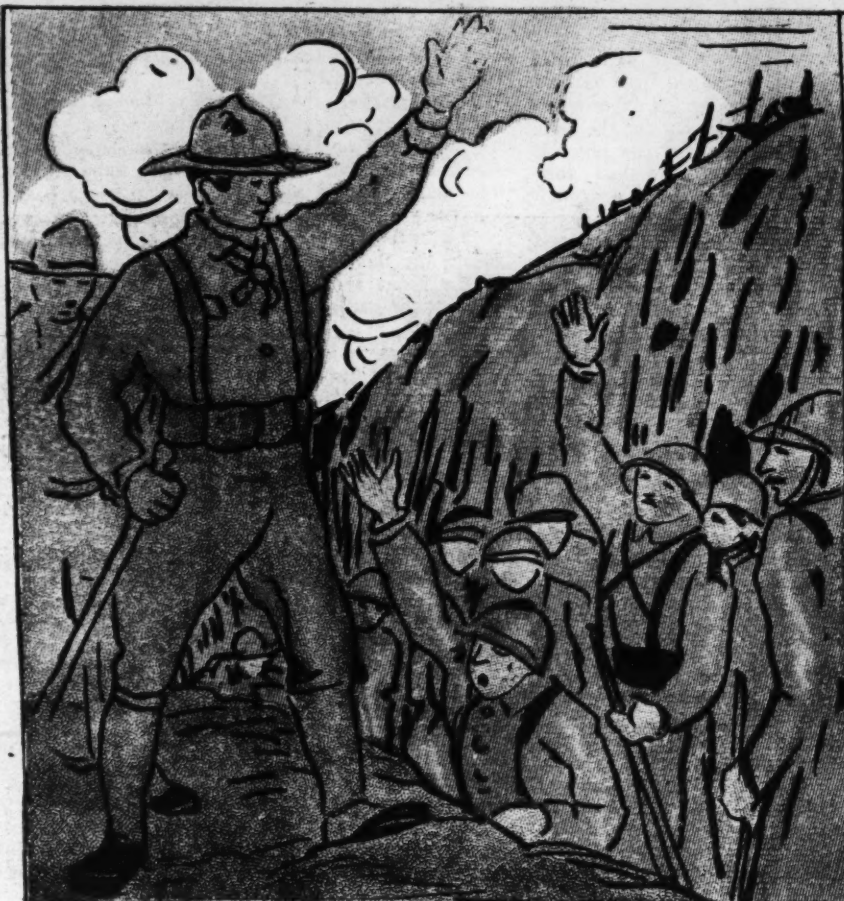
A tiny baby—scarcely forty-eight hours old—was among the victims of a recent air raid on Dunkirk, France. The ribbon of the *mutilés de la guerre* was pinned to its swaddling clothes and the event memorialized by the painting of the above picture by J. Simont for the Illustrated London News.



# AMERICANS IN THE WAR AS VIEWED BY NOTED FRENCH CARTOONISTS

GOOD! HERE THEY COME!—by Guy Arnoux.

TAKE THAT FOR THE LUSITANIA!—by Guy Arnoux.



ANOTHER EAGLE TO BATTLE IN THE AIR.

—by Howard.



THE RIGHT SPIRIT AWAKES EVERYWHERE.

—by Guy Arnoux.



THE GOOD UNCLE SAM AND THE RASCALLY, LITTLE WILLIAM. —by Howard



# BOY SCOUTS MAKE FIRST EXPLORATION OF CAVE AT MERAMEC HIGHLANDS

**F**ROM early periods of geological reconnoitering around St. Louis it has been known that there was a cave at Meramec Highlands. Just what shape the entrance was in then is not stated, but judging from appearances now it was quite likely merely a vertical crevice. It was not until many years ago, when the quarry workers sawed and blasted away great slabs of limestone from this crack in the earth, that the cave became evident to the glance.

Even after this, the opening was obscured and obstructed for a long time by fallen blocks of stone and sinter—that form of limey material of which stalactites are formed—and no one seemed inclined to remove it. Finally boy scouts began to pick at the hole. They brought down one great mass of sinter, which revealed quite a vestibule a short distance within, beyond and below which water could be heard.

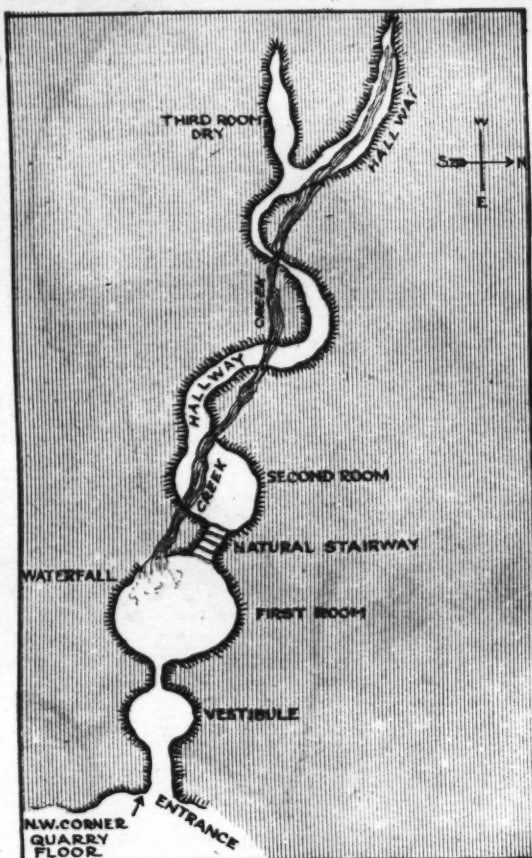
One Sunday last fall a couple of venturesome boys took candles and partially explored it. They were slim lads and they succeeded in going about 100 feet, convincing themselves that there were caverns, or rooms, yet beyond, judging from the reverberation, and that with a little hammering they could go much farther.

They made their wants known to James M. Baskett of Webster Groves, and he communicated with Darwin Peterson, president of the Thiel Detective Agency, who always has been interested in this opening. He and Mr. Baskett took the original boy explorers, Gordon C. Baskett and Charles Cammerer of Maplewood, and Leo Kannane of Webster Groves, and went out with due preparations of flashlights, hammers and old clothes.

The boys found the cave to be laid out as follows: The entrance is toward the west, and drops down on a bank of debris about six feet to a vestibule which is widely open now, and which extends onward for about 18 feet, slightly descending. At the end of this is a small round opening. Through this a man goes with difficulty, down grade, for about six feet, having to take a crawling attitude. Then he rises in a "room" 21 feet long, eight feet wide and with an irregular height of 10 feet. The floor of this is level and, apparently, of the smoothness characteristic of the usual limestone strata, though it is quite likely that this consists of the sandstone which forms the floor of the quarry. At the farther end of this "room" a waterfall dashes from above, and the water seems to disappear in the crevices of the floor. At the right of the waterfall, and allowing one to pass around it, are some crude natural steps of rather sharp and abrupt rise. These ascend into another "room" seven feet long, five feet wide and about three and a half feet high. This terminates toward the west in a hallway, beneath the ceiling of which one has to stoop, since it is only 30 inches high and about 18 inches wide. It is about 60 feet long and is crudely S-shaped.

This long hall leads to the third room, which is on one side and while only six feet long and three feet wide, is the highest found, having a ceiling 24 feet up. From this there runs another hallway still toward the west. This was too small for the boys to enter. It ran horizontally as far as could be seen, and from the reverberation there seemed to be other rooms beyond—

*Through narrow apertures they made their way into several "rooms" of varying sizes in which were found tiny waterfalls, one of which disappeared into a crevice, or cistern, in the floor—Mud was everywhere, consisting largely of dissolved limestone, but in some places surface dirt had crept in—Of animal life there is a form of lizard or salamander, and a creature resembling a millipede or centipede—Cavern easily could be made accessible to Sunday visitors*



Sketch showing the topography of the Meramec Highlands cave, the location of the various "rooms," and where the water courses were found.

at least one at its extremity. On the surface of the earth above this point heavy blows struck with flat stones gave out a hollow sound, as they did over the places where "rooms" were known to be.

In one of the early chambers there was seen a small opening in the floor down which a small stream of water fell. This was sounded and found to be the shape of the modern arched over cistern, though only about eight feet deep. On the floor of the vestibule is a great opening which has never been ex-

plored. It has been safely covered with planks. It is down this that past visitors, from the outside, have heard the run and, sometimes, the rush of waters; and it is presumed that at the bottom of this are larger caves; but this is mainly conjecture.

There are on the surface no great permanently filled sink holes, from which surface water could gradually flow in. There are sinks, but these easily can be shown to be connected with the local springs of the region, which are contaminated by local sewage. The waters of the cave do not show this impurity. Small springs in

the cave are evident everywhere, and one considerable stream passes through.

There is much mud everywhere. In places this seems largely the result of dissolved limestone, but, strangely enough, there appears dissolved and re-deposited fire clay, which proves that surface dirt has in some way got in. The fire clay is found local on the surface in just the minutest quantity now, having been eroded away with the lower coal measures. There is ample evidence that all this region was once much higher than it is now—even long after the Ozark uplift—and vast amounts of the strata above have been washed away. The cave evidently was in existence before this total erosion—its beginning being in the cracks formed by the immense stress caused by the buckling of the tables of rock.

The only animal life noted by the boys were a kind of lizard-like salamander and a creature which from their description was either a millipede or centipede. Both were aquatic, but the salamanders were usually found clinging to the walls. The other was always swimming in the water. Some of the quadrupeds were salmon pink in the light and some greenish or yellowish bronze. Both were sprinkled with fine dots which also varied in color. No attempt was made to determine the species at the time. On the ground they could proceed by wriggling and by the use of the very frail limbs also. Their bodies were long and slim, being almost round; and the head was long and not wider than the body. The tail was twice as long as that part of the body which lay between the fore and aft limbs; and the head was about half of this dimension—the whole body being about half an inch in diameter.

The accompanying sketch map has on it what the boys have marked "creek," but which seems to be only a spring vein about 30 inches wide and from three to six inches deep. There is sufficient water in it to make the "going" quite disagreeable to those not properly shod. This little stream is doubtless the last vestige of the one which carved the cave. It does not now always follow the hallway meanderings, but sneaks out under the edges occasionally and comes back in at its fancy. The third room is on a higher level than the hall adjacent, and was carved by a branch of the main stream. It is dry on the bottom.

A little work in blasting or wedging off would make the cave available to the public in its Sunday clothes, but there would have to be built some floor walks and short stairways. To the student of physiography and geology it is of great interest, and the zoologist might find here matters worth while. But there is in it scarcely any stalagmatic matter. The accretions are chiefly a dirty clay-colored sinter, and the natural carvings in it are chiefly of the simplest erosive kind.

## THE SOLDIER WIT AND A PACK OF PLAYING CARDS

**A** PRIVATE soldier named Richard Lee was taken before a Magistrate for playing cards during service. When the parson read the prayer those who had Bibles took them out, but this soldier had neither Bible nor common prayer book, but, pulling out a pack of cards, he spread them before him. He looked at one card and then at another. The Sergeant of the company saw him and said:

"Richard, put up the cards; this is no place for them."

"Never mind that," said Richard.

When the service was over the Constable took Richard before the Mayor.

"Well," said the Mayor, "what have you brought this soldier here for?"

"For playing cards in church."

"Soldier, what have you got to say for yourself?"

"Much, sir, I hope."

"Very good. If not, I will punish you more than ever man was punished."

"I have been," said the soldier, "about six weeks on the march. I have neither Bible nor common prayer book. I have nothing but a pack of cards, and I'll satisfy your worship of the purity of my intentions." Spreading the cards before the Mayor, he began with the ace.

"When I see the ace it reminds me there is but one

God. When I see the deuce it reminds me of the Father and Son. When I see the tray it reminds me of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. When I see the four spot it reminds me of the four evangelists that preached—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. When I meet the five it reminds me of the five wise virgins that trimmed their lamps, there were 10, but five were wise and five were foolish, and five were cast out. When I see the six it reminds me that in six days God made heaven and earth. When I see the seven it reminds me on the seventh day He rested from the great work He had created, and hallowed it. The eight reminds me of the eight righteous persons that were saved when God destroyed the world, viz: Noah and his wife, with three sons and three wives. When I see the nine it reminds me of the nine lepers that were cleansed by our Savior; there were nine out of 10 who never returned thanks. When I see the ten it reminds me of the Ten Commandments, which were handed down to Moses on tablets of stone. When I see the king I am reminded of the King of Heaven, which is God Almighty. When I see the queen I am reminded of the Queen of Sheba, for she was a wise woman, as Solomon was a man. She brought with her 50 boys and 50 girls, all dressed in boys' apparel, for King Solomon to tell which were boys and

which were girls; King Solomon sent for water for them to wash; the girls washed to their elbows and the boys to their wrists, so King Solomon told by that.

"Well," said the Mayor, "you have given a good description of all the cards except one."

"What is that?"

"The knave," said the Mayor.

"I will give your honor a description of that, too, if you will not be angry."

"I will not," said the Mayor, "if you do not term me to be the knave."

"Well," said the soldier, "the greatest knave that I know is the Constable that brought me here."

"I do not know," said the Mayor, "that he is the greatest knave, but I know he is the greatest fool."

"When I count how many spots there are in a pack of cards, I find 365, as many days as there are in a year. On counting the number of cards in a pack, I find 52, the number of weeks in a year, and I find four suits, the number of weeks in a month. I find there are 12 picture cards, representing the number of months in a year, and on counting the number of tricks I find 13, the number of weeks in a quarter."

"So you see, sir, a pack of cards serves for a Bible, an almanac and a common prayer book."



## Adventure

"What do you think of them?" she asked.  
"Oh, old Von Blix is all right, a solid sort of chap in his fashion; but Tudor is flyaway—too much on the surface, you know. If it came to being wrecked on a desert island, I'd prefer Von Blix."

"I don't quite understand," Joan objected. "What have you against Tudor?"

"You remember Browning's Last Duchess?" She nodded.

"Well, Tudor reminds me of her"—

"But she was delightful."

"So she was. But she was a woman. One expects something different from a man—more control, you know, more restraint, more deliberation. A man must be more solid, more solid and steady-going and less effervescent. A man of Tudor's type gets on my nerves. One demands more repose from a man."

Joan felt that she did not quite agree with his judgment; and, somehow, Sheldon caught her feeling and was disturbed. He remembered noting how her eyes had brightened as she talked with the newcomer—confound it all, was he getting jealous? he asked himself. Why shouldn't her eyes brighten? What concern was it of his?

A second boat had been lowered, and the outfit of the shore party was landed rapidly. A dozen of the crew put the knocked-down boats together on the beach. There were five of these craft—lean and narrow, with flaring sides, and remarkably long. Each was equipped with three paddles and several iron-shod poles.

"You chaps certainly seem to know river work," Sheldon told one of the carpenters.

The man spat a mouthful of tobacco juice into the white sand and answered:

"We use 'em in Alaska. They're modeled after the Yukon poling boats, and you can bet your life they're crackerjacks. This creek'll be a snap alongside some of them Northern streams. Five hundred pounds in one of them boats an' two men can snake it along in a way that'd surprise you."

At sunset the Martha broke out her anchor and got under way, dipping her flag and saluting with a bomb gun. The Union Jack ran up and down the staff, and Sheldon replied with his brass signal cannon. The miners pitched their tents in the compound and cooked on the beach, while Tudor dined with Joan and Sheldon.

Their guest seemed to have been everywhere and seen everything and met everybody, and, encouraged by Joan, his talk was largely upon his own adventures. He was an adventurer of adventures, and by his own account, had been born into adventure. Descended from old New England stock, his father a

Consul-General, he had been born in Germany, in which country he had received his early education and his accent. Then, still a boy, he had rejoined his father in Turkey, and accompanied him later to Persia, his father having been appointed Minister to that country.

Tudor had always been a wanderer, and with facility and quick vivid description, he leaped from episode and place to episode and place, relating his experiences seemingly not because they were his, but for the sake of their bizarreness and uniqueness, for the unusual incident or the laughable situation. He had gone through South American revolutions, been a Rough Rider in Cuba, a scout in South Africa, a war correspondent in the Russo-Japanese War. He had mushed dogs in the Klondike, washed gold from the sands of Nome and edited a newspaper in San Francisco. The President of the United States was his friend. He was equally at home in the clubs of London and the Continent, the Grand Hotel at Yokohama and the selectors' shanties in the Never-Never country. He had shot big game in Siam, perled in the Paumotu, visited Tolstoy, seen the Passion Play, and crossed the Andes on mule-back; while he was a living directory of the fever holes of West Africa.

Sheldon leaned back in his chair on the veranda, sipping his coffee and listening. In spite of himself he felt touched by the charm of a man who had led so varied a life. And yet Sheldon was not comfortable. It seemed to him that the man addressed himself particularly to Joan. His words and smiles were directed impartially toward both of them, yet Sheldon was certain, had the two men of them been alone; that the conversation would have been along different lines. Tudor had seen the effect on Joan and deliberately continued the flow of reminiscence, netting her in the glamor of romance. Sheldon watched her rapt attention, listened to her spontaneous laughter, quick questions and passing judgments, and felt grow within him the dawning consciousness that he loved her.

So he was very quiet and almost sad, though at times he was aware of a distinct irritation against his guest, and he even speculated as to what percentage of Tudor's tale was true and how any of it could be proved or disproved. In this connection, as if the scene had been prepared by a clever playwright, Utami came upon the veranda to report to Joan the capture of a crocodile in the trap they had made for her.

Tudor's face, illuminated by the match with which he was lighting his cigarette, caught Utami's eye, and Utami forgot to report to his mistress.

"Hello, Tudor," he said, with a familiarity that startled Sheldon.

The Polynesian's hand went out, and Tudor, shaking it, was staring into his face.

"Who is it?" he asked. "I can't see you."

"Utami."

"And who the dickens is Utami? Where did I ever meet you, my man?"

"You no forget the Huahine?" Utami chided. "Last time Huahine sail?"

Tudor gripped the Tahitian's hand a second time and shook it with genuine heartiness.

"There was only one Kanaka who came out of the Huahine that last voyage, and that Kanaka was Joe. The deuce take it, man, I'm glad to see you, though I never heard your new name before."

"Yes, everybody speak me Joe along the Huahine. Utami my name all the time, just the same."

"But what are you doing here?" Tudor asked, releasing the sailor's hand and leaning eagerly forward.

"Me sail along Missie Lac'alanna her schooner Miele. We go Tahiti, Raiatea, Tahaa, Bora-Bora, Manua, Tutuila, Apia, Savaii, and Fiji Islands—plenty Fiji Islands. Me stop along Missie Lac'alanna in Solomons. Very soon she catch another schooner."

"He and I were the two survivors of the wreck of the Huahine," Tudor explained to the others. "Fifty-seven all told on board when we sailed from Huapa, and Joe and I were the only two that ever set foot on land again. Hurricane, you know, in the Paumotu. That was when I was after pearls."

"And you never told me, Utami, that you'd been wrecked in a hurricane," Joan said reproachfully.

The big Tahitian shifted his weight and flashed his teeth in a conciliating smile.

"Me no tink nothing 't all," he said.

He half turned, as if to depart, by his manner indicating that he considered it time to go while yet he desired to remain.

"All right, Utami," Tudor said. "I'll see you in the morning and have a yarn."

"He saved my life, the beggar," Tudor explained, as the Tahitian strode away and with heavy softness of foot went down the steps. "Swim! I never met a better swimmer."

And thereat, solicited by Joan, Tudor narrated the wreck of the Huahine, while Sheldon smoked and pondered, and decided that whatever the man's shortcomings were, he was at least not a liar.

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## Tremendous Task the Nation Has Undertaken

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an appropriation of \$640,000,000, the largest single appropriation ever made. Last month saw one of the first fruits in the completion at a point in the United States which is not allowed to be generally known, of the largest airplane factory of its kind in the world. It was built in a little over three months' time and already is actively engaged in turning out planes for the United States Government.

This factory reaches 900 feet in one direction and 1300 feet, or about a quarter of a mile, in the other. The lumber alone in the building is sufficient to lay a plank one inch thick and 12 inches wide from Boston to a point 200 miles west of Omaha, Neb. The whole of the factory area is covered by a single roof and constitutes, except for a fire partition wall, a single shop.

For structural purposes, the shop is divided into nine bays, each 100 feet wide and 1300 feet long. Through each bay runs a gallery. Upon the floor is done the work of construction of the parts and upon the galleries, each of which runs the full 1300 feet of length of the building, is carried on the work of assembling.

The raw materials, in the shape of sawn spruce from the forests of Oregon, enter the building at one end and the finished planes leave it at the other end, the other material moving from stage to stage and from machine to machine as the work proceeds. The machinery requires a total of 40,000 horsepower to drive it, and the place shelters an army of some 15,000 workers. From this factory alone, now running full blast, the United States is turning out airplanes at the rate of 50 per day. If the supply of motors keeps pace with the output of planes, this means that a completed airplane could be wheeled out of the factory and take the air every 9½ minutes of an eight-hour day. And this is only one of the many great plants engaged in the work of turning out aircraft.

The obtaining of men for the air service has been carried on in conjunction with the construction of planes, and there now are schools all over the country for the instruction of pilots, observers, balloonists, radio operators, photographers, supply officers and mechanics. Many more men of all classes are needed.

The construction of aviation fields involved an immense amount of work. Fields possessing the exacting qualifications had to be selected, leased, cleared of woods and brush, drained and leveled; hangars, barracks, parks and railroad connections had to be built; and all the other problems of housing hundreds of men had to be met. The first field was finished in six weeks, the second in eight, and the others as fast as they were needed to take pupils.

Factories have already been completed for the manufacture of the "Liberty" engine, which Secretary Baker has called "the greatest single achievement in the war." The first deliveries are due shortly.

The naval program calls for vast enlargement of shore facilities. There has just been completed for the navy at an important station in the East the largest storehouse in the United States. At properly selected points there are being constructed shops of unprecedented size for the construction of unprecedented naval equipment. Traveling cranes of 300 tons capacity are being installed in two or more instances. Hammer-head cranes, of a capacity of 100 tons greater than any heretofore built, and able to heave the turrets of the heaviest battleships bodily into or out of their emplacements, also are projected in the Naval Bureau of Yards and Docks.

Here are a few other things which the Bureau now is doing: Building

three 100-foot docks, the largest in the nation's history, two of which are to be finished in less time than is ordinarily required for docks of half their dimensions; erecting a cold storage plant costing a third of a million; an operating base to cost from three millions up; a large factory for the production of optical instruments; a million dollars' worth of improvements at a torpedo station; storage for base ammunition reserves; high power radio stations; hospital accommodations at various stations to accommodate 10,000 cases at a cost of four millions; the construction of extensive fuel-oil storage plants, and construction of cantonments for 100,000 naval and marine volunteers who have flocked to the colors since April.

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## An American Physician's Harrowing Experiences ... in the Midst of Armenian Massacres ...



**T**HE plight of American tourists who were caught in Europe when the great world conflagration flamed up so suddenly in the late summer of 1914 was bad enough in all conscience; large numbers of them suffered great inconvenience and even hardships before they were allowed to set sail for home. Yet their position was as nothing when compared to the dilemma in which another class of Americans found themselves at that time.

In Eastern Turkey, American missionaries had labored for years to build schools, colleges, hospitals and churches among the Armenians. It had involved not only prodigious labor, but constant bickerings with and annoyances from minor Turkish officials who, as Mohammedans, did all in their power to prevent the spread of Christianity in the Armenian provinces. Despite the fact that they were virtually on a battle field, caught between the devil of the Turkish army on the one hand, and the deep sea of the Russian forces on the other, these missionaries had no thought of fleeing, but remained to a man—and a woman—to defend as best they could the property which they had so laboriously built up.

To add to the horrors of the situation, they were not long in discovering that Turkey, at the instigation of Prussia, it is charged, had decided upon a policy of extermination with regard to the Armenians, and the succeeding months in many parts of Asiatic Turkey were one long nightmare.

A vivid description of what occurred in the city of Van and in the surrounding villages has just been written by Dr. Clarence D. Ussher, medical missionary attached to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Dr. Ussher first went to Armenia 19 years ago and had labored there incessantly since, with the exception of an occasional furlough for recuperation. He had built a hospital and a home in Van, had married an American woman worker among the Armenians, and his children were born there.

In July, 1914, Dr. Ussher relates in "An American Physician in Turkey" (Houghton, Mifflin Co.), he and two American women missionaries were returning from a meeting of the Eastern Turkey Mission at Harput when, on crossing a plain they saw mounted Turkish troops galloping about, evidences that the fields had been abandoned, and weeping women carrying bags of bread on their backs running to overtake their men. It was the beginning of conscription, though war had not yet been declared.

At Patagantz, near Van, the gendarmes had a list of all men of military age and one man on the list was missing, having gone up the mountain to cut wood. His widowed mother and sisters, who were caring for a sick brother, sent after the man, assuring the gendarmes that he would be there in half an hour. But they would not wait that long, declared the man to be a deserter, set fire to the house and rode away.

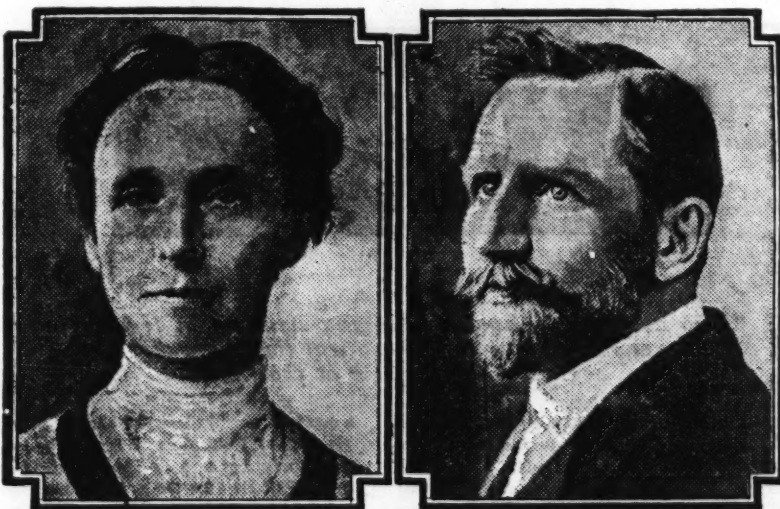
Arriving at Van they found that the drafted men had come into the city starving. Long lines of them were drawn up in front of recruiting stations, where they were required to enter on blanks all statistics demanded by the German Government of its own soldiers, and often, Dr. Ussher says, many fainted where they stood from hunger and exhaustion. Presently there came an order from Enver Pasha, Minister of War, to disarm all Armenians in the army, and they were set to work digging trenches and making roads. As soon as the road makers had finished their work, their Turkish officers circulated a report that they were in revolt and then shot them down. This action, the author says, was not confined to Van, but was general.

Turkey, relates Dr. Ussher, was not ready for war, and could neither provision, equip nor adequately

**Eyewitness of Turkish atrocities in the early days of the war tells how policy of extermination of Christians was carried out, until 55,000 men, women and children had been slain—He was stationed at Van and participated in the month's siege of that city, contracted typhus and joined the Armenian exodus, on which 7000 persons were murdered in a narrow gorge :: ::**

house her new army. Speaking of conditions in the quarters of some recruits in Van he writes:

"I could hardly find room to step between the men as they lay on the floor. They were covered with vermin. Cases of typhus and dysentery began to appear and were not isolated, except the very worst, which were sent to the military hospital. The conditions there were absolutely indescribable. The windows were kept closed because of the cold and patients and orderlies smoked almost constantly to counteract the stench. The army doctors refused to enter the wards. They would stand at the doors and inquire of



**Dr. Clarence D. Ussher and Mrs. Ussher, who gave her life in the service of the Armenians. She died of typhus shortly before Dr. Ussher, himself a victim of the disease, fled from the country.**

the orderlies how many men had died and what were the diseases of the others."

When the war with Russia began, the wounded soon were coming in "not in ambulances; there were none. They were tied on oxen or piled two layers deep on ox carts; those supposed to be mortally wounded were left on the field, where some of them lived four or five days unattended. The 250 beds of a new hospital were soon filled and then patients were laid on the floor under the bedsteads."

In February, 1915, Jevdet Bey, brother-in-law of Enver Pasha, Minister of War, was made Governor-General of the province of Van, and then the troubles of the Americans and their Armenian charges really began. The Americans learned later that he had given orders to sub-governors to begin a general massacre in their districts on April 19 and in order to get rid

of some of the chief men of Van he invited four prominent Armenians to go to the town of Shadakh with an equal number of Turks to settle some differences which had arisen between the Armenians and the Government. At a feast prepared for them in the first village at which they stopped, the four Armenians were treacherously murdered.

The massacre scheduled for April 19 was delayed so far as Van was concerned because of Jevdet Bey's insistence upon placing 50 soldiers with cannon in the American mission compound, which commanded the Armenian quarter. Dr. Ussher resisted this move and before the matter was settled the time for the massacre had passed. But throughout the province, at the hour set, thousands of defenseless men, women and children were slaughtered. The general order for the massacre read:

"The Armenians must be exterminated. If any Moslem protect a Christian, first, his house shall be burned, then the Christian killed before his eyes, and then his (the Moslem's) family and himself."

At the town of Agantz, the next largest to Van in the province, the sub-governor summoned the prominent men of the place to the Government building on the pretense of important business. Then his soldiers collected the rest of the Armenian male inhabitants—there were 2500 of them—and after dark they were taken in groups of 50 to the bank of the river and slain. Three, feigning death, escaped from under the bodies of their companions. The women, children and property were divided among the Turks.

Several villages held out as long as their ammunition lasted, but the rest made no resistance. "We have absolute proof," says Dr. Ussher, "that 55,000 people were killed. Many thousands fled to the mountains, and, hiding in caves, escaped death."

What few Armenian men there were left in Van prepared for defense. There were only about 300 of them armed with rifles and 1000 armed with pistols and antique weapons. They were also poorly supplied with ammunition but forced the oncoming Turkish mob and soldiers to seek cover.

Van became a besieged city and the siege was to continue for a month. The Armenians joined house to house and dug trenches cross the roads. In the meantime thousands of Armenians poured into the city from surrounding villages until 6000 of them were at one time within the American compound.

The supply of ammunition among the Armenians grew pitifully small, and jewelers, tinsmiths, coppersmiths and blacksmiths were set to work to increase it. They turned out 2000 cartridges and case bullets a day, even with the primitive tools at their command. An Armenian professor, graduate of an American college, made smokeless powder. The city was parceled off into little squares and two women were assigned to each square. When a bomb

from a Turkish mortar would fall in the street the woman nearest it would dash out with a pitcher of water, extinguish the fuse and the powder would be used to reload cartridges.

Jevdet Bey had been enraged because the day's delay in the massacre at Van had given the Armenians time to arrange for their defense, and, apparently blaming the Americans for the frustration of his plans, bullets and shells now began to fall within the American compound. One shell struck the wall of a porch of Dr. Ussher's house, but failed to explode, and another burst harmlessly against a wall near the house.

Early in the morning of April 25 the gates of the compound were opened to admit several hundred refugees from the village of Halots Tsore, who had

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come by night 15 miles along the mountain tops to Shushantz, three miles from Van, the road to which had been kept open by the Armenians. The refugees brought with them more than 100 wounded.

"Sixty of these," declares Dr. Ussher, "we took in at once and operated on. Many of them were most horribly mutilated, little babies shattered. This was but a beginning. After that there was a constant stream of refugees; stealthy at first; then Jevdet Bey changed his tactics and sent women and children in to help starve out the city. He also sent a large number of women and children to a desert island in the lake, where they slowly starved.

"Some of our patients had been protected and cared for by Kurds. One woman had fallen down the mountain and broken her thigh. A passing Kurd had taken her on his back, carried her up the mountain and laid her under the shelter of a haystack. Her children kept her supplied with snow, which was, with the exception of a few grass roots and flower bulbs, their only food for 20 days.

"Another Kurd did the same thing for a wounded woman who had, before her marriage to a villager, been a nurse in our hospital. When she recovered sufficiently to walk she made her way to Shushantz; twice on the way she encountered Turks who stripped her of all her clothing; each time she was later given a garment by Armenian fugitives. On her way from Shushantz she was again stripped, came to the city naked, and died that night in our hospital, bequeathing to us her orphan children."

The refugees from the villages now numbered 15,000, and food was scarce. Many died of starvation. The exposure, hardships and overcrowding made the survivors easy victims of disease and pneumonia, dysentery, typhoid and smallpox were very prevalent. For all these sick and wounded there was only one physician, Dr. Ussher, who worked from sunrise to midnight. Later he was to pay the price.

The coming of the Russians was the city's only hope. To Russian and Persian Armenians near the border the defenders of Van sent messengers—12 men, each of

whom carried on a strip of linen sewed into the seams of his garments an appeal for help. One, it was learned later, got through.

One day from the attic of his house, Dr. Ussher witnessed an unusual activity among the Turkish troops and it proved to be a general retirement before the Russians. In the first flush of their joy the Armenians in Van wreaked revenge upon the Turks who remained. In the Turkish military hospital a half-crazed Armenian boy opened up a promiscuous fire in the wards and had shot several Turks before he was disarmed. Turks found in hiding in the city were slain; the Armenians burned and looted and the madness did not pass for two or three days. On May 18 the advance guard of the Russians entered the city.

"The Russians," Dr. Ussher says, "reported finding the villages full of dead bodies, and the rivers full of them, too. They sent out squads to burn these; 55,000 bodies were cremated."

But still more harrowing experiences were to befall the Americans. Soon Russian wounded began to arrive in Van and were taken to Dr. Ussher's hospital, increasing his work. A severe form of dysentery became epidemic, and late in June appeared among the refugees the fearful scourge of typhus. Mrs. Ussher took her children to the village of Artamid and prepared a home there. She was joined by the doctor, but both had contracted typhus and Mrs. Ussher died. Three of their co-workers were attacked at the same time. "The next three weeks," Dr. Ussher says, "are a blank in my memory."

After 10 weeks the Russian army, which at this time was retreating on all fronts, withdrew, and there followed a virtual exodus of a nation, as the Armenians fled northward to escape from the advancing Turks. After many difficulties, Dr. Ussher, though far from well, obtained conveyances for himself, children and other missionaries, having decided to follow the advice of the Russian General Nicolaieff to flee.

In the journey from Van, Dr. Ussher's party consisted of 15 Americans and 10 Armenians. For this company they had three horses, a small two-wheeled

cart seating three, and an American grocer's delivery cart. The Russians furnished Dr. Ussher with a litter hung between two horses and two two-wheeled Red Cross ambulances, and on Aug. 3 the start from Van was made.

"Before nightfall," his story goes on, "we had become part of the vast, ever-northward flowing stream of humanity, the great multitude plodding along in the dust, their faces strained with terror.

"How slow was the progress of our heavy ambulances over the vile roads! At one point a four-ox wagon stuck in the mud and blocked all vehicles for an hour or more. Later there was a river to ford, with a steep bank on the farther side, up which the horses could hardly scramble with their loads."

They reached the village of Pergree at 2 o'clock in the morning and waited until noon before pressing on. The refugees on foot had preceded them across a deep river and into a narrow gorge on the other side. It proved to be a death trap. From behind rocks on the precipitous hills Turks and Kurds were firing down into the unarmed multitude hemmed in between hills and river. Our Cossack guards galloped off to be the first out of danger, but the Red Cross doctors kept their places in line and urged the people on. Drivers of ambulances and litters whipped up their horses to a mad gallop. Hundreds threw themselves over the precipice into the river to escape the worse fate of falling into the hands of the Kurds. Fathers and mothers killed their own children to save them from the Turks. But thousands struggled on, panting, gasping, for mile after mile.

"More than a year later, in that long, narrow valley, were found whitening skeletons of about 7000 men, women and children."

After reaching Igdir in the Caucasus Dr. Ussher was turned away from five military hospitals before being admitted, on account of the fear that he would spread typhus among the patients. He again became desperately ill but recovered, finally reached Petrograd and thence made his way to America.

## An Ozark "Holler-Eve" Frolic

kind of a noise. I had practiced up fer it out at the barn. I could see through the winder how skeered they was a-gittin', but they held their ground 'till they heerd a step on the porch and seen a false face a-peekin' around the door, when they run and screamed like you never saw. Haw! haw! haw! You got to have a little fun as you go along."

"Shore."

"But it was jist another proof that women is too superstitious to vote, as I was a-tellin' the lady, here, this evenin'."

"Shore. It wouldn't do a-tall. Funny how women believes in signs, ain't it?"

"It shore is. Seems to be born in 'em. Jist one of their weaknesses, I reckon. Lizzie," calling kitchen-ward, "ain't you never goin' to come with that thar popcorn? What? You scorched it? Burnt it all up? Well, what was you thinkin' of? That feller that didn't come to your dumb supper, I reckon. I jist knowed you'd burn the cobs to pop it with, and I never knowed it to fall, shore, if you done that. The corn burns up ever time. Funny, but it shore does."

"Shore. Well, I guess I better be gittin' along. The

old woman'll be gittin' uneasy about me. She had a bad dream about me 'tother night and is skeered fer fear somethin' is a-goin' to happen to me. Quare about how superstitious women is. They're plumb skeery."

"They shore air. I don't never worry none over bad dreams, 'cept about muddy water. I ain't superstitious, but I shore do hate to dream of muddy water. I always happen to a piece of bad luck ever time I do."

"It's shore bad. And another is to dream of carryin' a load of somethin' up hill. The last time I dreamt that, I like to a-died tryin' to git to the top with the



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load on my back. I woke up with the cold sweat a-runnin' down my fourhead in a stream; and the very next day them hog thieves got three of my biggest shoats. It always means somethin' bad. And, of course, they ain't nothin' agin bridges, and I don't believe in signs, noway, but I shore won't cross 'em unless I jist cain't help it."

"Ner me. I'll ford the river any day afore I'll cross on the bridge, 'less the water is jist so high I'm shore to git drowned if I do. But I always fergit purty nigh everything I'm a-goin' after by the time I git to town if I cross the river on the bridge."

"A feller does, ever time. Shore does. Well, I reckon I better be gittin' along."

"Better stay all night."

"Cain't. Better all come along home with me."

"Cain't, I reckon."

"Well, come over when you can."

"We will. You'nnes all come."

"Shore."

"It's plumb heartenin', to have the neighbors drap in," said the host, "and tell the news. Purty nigh as good as takin' a daily paper."

## Mary Garden Laughs at Beauty Banditti

Warm water and pure castile soap. I dry it carefully, rub it lightly with a towel and then apply a good cold cream containing very little perfuming matter. Strongly scented creams are necessarily injurious. I do not wish to recommend any special cream. Everyone will have a favorite. Be sure the cream is a high grade, that is all.

In the morning the face should first be washed gently but thoroughly with very hot water. This washing should be followed by washing for a considerable time with very cold water with ice in it. The colder this water can be had the better.

Then the face is ready to be dressed for the day with a little good powder. There are times when a small amount of cream also can be used with benefit.

I want to say that I am dead against all forms of massage and electricity. These two agencies do more harm than all the beauty curists in the world. Women everywhere are finding out that massage causes the face to fall in no very long time. Electricity has just as ill effects if its use is continued.

Women must remember that overweening vanity cannot be satisfied. If a woman is naturally plain she cannot hope,

even by the strictest course of beauty treatments, to make herself over. She can help her complexion by the care I have indicated, and she can add snap and vigor to her body by exercise and abstemiousness. But that is about as far as the work of nature is elastic.

What women do not understand is that good health is the basis of good looks. A moderately plain woman, if she is in fine, vital health and high spirits, will outshine the languid ailing beauty. A good bright eye, clear healthy skin and overflowing vitality, things that come of good bodily condition, are the best counterfeits of natural beauty that can be had in this world.

Ask yourself! What is more pleasant to the eye and to the senses generally than a fresh, healthy woman, with plenty of esprit?

There is one thing more: As we come more and more to understand psychology we come also to understand the influence of our thoughts on our looks. It has been said long ago that beautiful thoughts make beautiful women. It is past the need of demonstration. A happy, hopeful or contented inner life will have its influence on the countenance of the whole body. The influence of joy, of

pleasant thinking, of optimistic disposition is being studied by doctors who have now begun to recognize the enormous effect of thoughts on health. A will to stay young and blithe has a sure influence on the march of age.

God himself cannot make a discontented face look beautiful.

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## Cured His RUPTURE

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## Mary Garden Laughs at Beauty Banditti

### MARY GARDEN'S RULES FOR GOOD LOOKS.

Take plenty of exercise every morning without fail. Horseback riding is my own favorite.  
Keep the figure; keep flesh away; try to get younger.  
To do this supplement the exercise with dieting. I never eat breakfast.  
I have only one real meal in a day.  
It takes denial and will power to keep one's looks and youth. If one practices indulgence she must expect the penalties.  
I never drink. I haven't tasted candy in years.  
Never fail to take the exercise. The worse you feel in the morning the more you must exercise.

Wash the face with warm water at bed time, dry and rub with a towel and apply a good cream, lightly scented.  
In the morning wash first with very hot water, then with plenty of ice water.  
Use a little good powder. Avoid cosmetics and skin preparations.  
Good health is fundamental to beauty. Without it no one can be attractive.  
Pleasant, cheerful thoughts make good looks. Cultivate them.  
Don't go in for beauty doctors and beauty cures. They are delusions.

**"I myself am not in the business of being beautiful—I have no faith in beauty secrets, beautifiers or beauty doctors—So far as my experience goes, I have no faith in beauties, as such" :: ::**

By Mary Garden.

**I**T was inevitable that I write something about female beauty. A singer can no more escape this fate than old age and death. It is a part of the tradition of our lives. To be a singer is to be a professional beauty, is to be versed in all the artifices and dodges of boudoir makeup, is to be cousin german to the dermatologists, is to be able to make over ugliness into radiance. So runs the fable. Divas themselves, aided and abetted by nostrum venders, have helped to establish this set of mendacious fallacies.

I do not wish to libel my singing sisters, but those who go most to the opera will agree that if prima donnas possess the secret of youth and beauty they ought to employ it at home. These ladies are for the most part plain, obese and no longer stricken with youth. If they have ever known how to be beautiful they have sinfully neglected the practice of their magic.

Of course, there are beautiful divas; many of them. And, of course, there are professional beauties, still more numerous. I suppose it is within the rights of these fortunate ladies to advise their less gifted sisters in the matter of being lovely. I cannot, however, help examining their advice and correcting certain fundamental deceptions.

I myself am not in the business of being beautiful. I do not pretend that I can make anyone lovely. Distributing the secret of radiant pulchritude is decidedly out of my line. I have, to tell the truth, no faith in beauty curists, beauty secrets, beautifiers or beauty doctors. So far as my experience goes I have no faith in beauties, as such.

I set myself three tasks in the line of good looks: To keep the figure, too keep off fat; to get younger every year.

These are the practical things a woman can do for herself, especially the woman who is no longer in the first blush of her years. Very nearly everything else is playing with fire or wasting one's time.

Very often I see some of the advice of famous beauties or beauty specialists and actually take time to read what is being said. Many of the things sound plausible, but, good Lord! if one were to be beautiful according to the prescriptions of these people one could have time for nothing else. Twenty-four hours daily would hardly be enough for the exercise of all their prescriptions. And then, I have a sly notion, the women who want beauty most would find they emerged as plain as ever.

Such things are snares and delusions. Their purpose is to make chronic beauty chasers out of brainless women, for the purpose of fattening on their folly.

Do you want to know what I do in the line of keeping young and attractive? It is very simple. I have already set down the objects: Preserve the figure; ward off fat, stay young and supple.

Here is my regimen:  
I arise every morning at a regular hour, not too late; bathe and go for two



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hours on my horse. I never fall in this unless I am in a city for a brief stay. No matter how languid I may feel, I drive myself out and have my exercise.

Returning, I am hungry, but I eat no breakfast. A cup of tea or chocolate is all I ever take. Also I take no other exercise. I seldom do any walking unless I chance to be in the country. Walking in cities is unsatisfactory and gives little benefit, I think. A horse is much better. Some women may require other measured exercise. Every case is not to be governed by my rule.

If I feel hungry, that is to say too hungry for endurance, in the middle of the day, I have another cup of tea or perhaps an apple. I am fond of them and their effect is beneficial.

In the evening comes the only real meal of the day, at which I generally eat what I want, not in too great quantities, but amply. Thus I keep all the things I like on my menu without getting too much nourishment.

Certain things are absolutely taboo. I never drink. I have not eaten a piece of candy in years. Too much starch must be avoided. Plenty of good, fresh fruit must always be in the menu.

In my case, this diet and regimen of exercise have had unquestionable effect. Some years ago I found myself beginning to put on flesh. I saw that I was weighing too much and determined to put a stop to it, without flinching, with no half-way measures. That is the only way. One must decide which it shall be: Indulgence and loss of looks, or negation and continued youth and charm.

Today I weigh 125 pounds—about what I wish—and feel younger and more resilient as time goes along. When I am sixty, perhaps, I shall retire to a farm and there eat to my greed's content, gorge candy, drink all the wines I love, and generally make up for all the years of being careful and denying myself.

My sister is skeptical about all this. "When I'm sixty," she says, "I'll be just as finicky as I am at—thirty!"

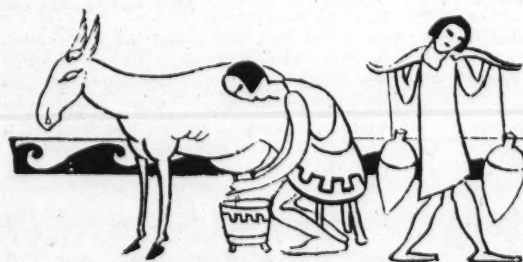
That is as much concession as I make to the health faddists in the care of myself. Similar restraint in the matter of eating and unflinching regularity in exercise will do for other women what it does not fail to do for me. Women have the means of keeping young looks and youthful resilience, but women are not willing to make the necessary sacrifices.

It is idle to think you can eat your loaf and have it—or eat it and stay thin. It is just as idle to think that you can go to a masseur and undo the ravages of sloth and gluttony. The young are slender and supple and full of beauty and grace because the young are ever active and sprightly and on the move. If children eat much they exercise prodigiously to get rid of it. As we grow older we must be even more careful.

So far as the detailed care of the face and body is concerned, one general rule covers everything: Be very clean, and use common sense. Plenty of baths are always necessary to good bodily condition—baths in plain clean water, with good, unscented soap. The Roman ladies may have preferred the milk of asses, and others may recommend champagne, but I fear either would be sticky and unpleasant.

The care I give my face is simple and takes little time. The busiest woman may do likewise.

On going to bed I wash my face and neck well with (Continued on Page 14.)



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# IT PROVED WOMEN SHOULD NOT VOTE

## AN OZARK "HOLLER-EVE" FROLIC AND HOW

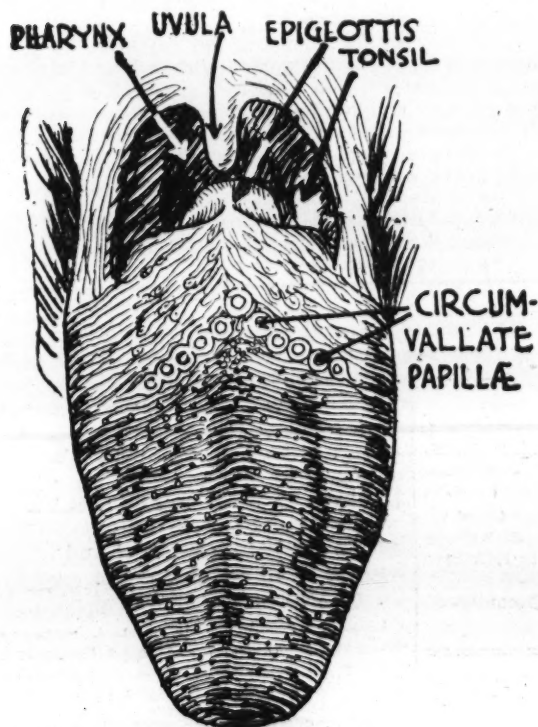
### Good Morning — HAVE YOU SCRAPED YOUR TONGUE?

**This operation, says a St. Louis dentist, is necessary if one would keep the mouth healthy, and he adds that in brushing the teeth you should include the roof and base of the mouth, the cheeks, the gums and the palate, so that the blood circulation to that important part of the body shall be unimpaired and the gums kept hard and healthy ::**

**I**T has been a matter of common knowledge for a number of years, both in and out of the dental profession, that a great many systemic disorders of mankind are due to a diseased condition of the teeth. Dental surgeons discovered, by the use of the X-ray, the presence around the roots even of apparently healthy teeth of pus formations which allowed this poisonous matter to be absorbed into the system. This resulted in many instances in rheumatism, stomach trouble and a variety of other ailments.

A St. Louis dentist, Dr. Burton Lee Thorpe, has gone a step farther than most of his contemporaries in the subject of keeping the mouth clean. His patients are told that not only should the teeth be assiduously brushed daily, but the operation should include the entire mouth, the gums, the tongue, the cheeks and the palate.

For the proper cleaning of the tongue, however, brushing is not sufficient, and Dr. Thorpe instructs his patients in the use of the tongue scraper, a device which removes from the surface of that organ deposits of food which have accumulated in the process of mastication and swallowing, and which cause what is known as the "coated tongue." It can readily be seen why it is well that these deposits should be removed, for, allowed to remain, they undergo decomposition, with the result that germ life appears and food and drink swallowed and the air breathed become infected.



**CIRCUMVALLATE PAPILLAE (HIGHLY MAGNIFIED)**



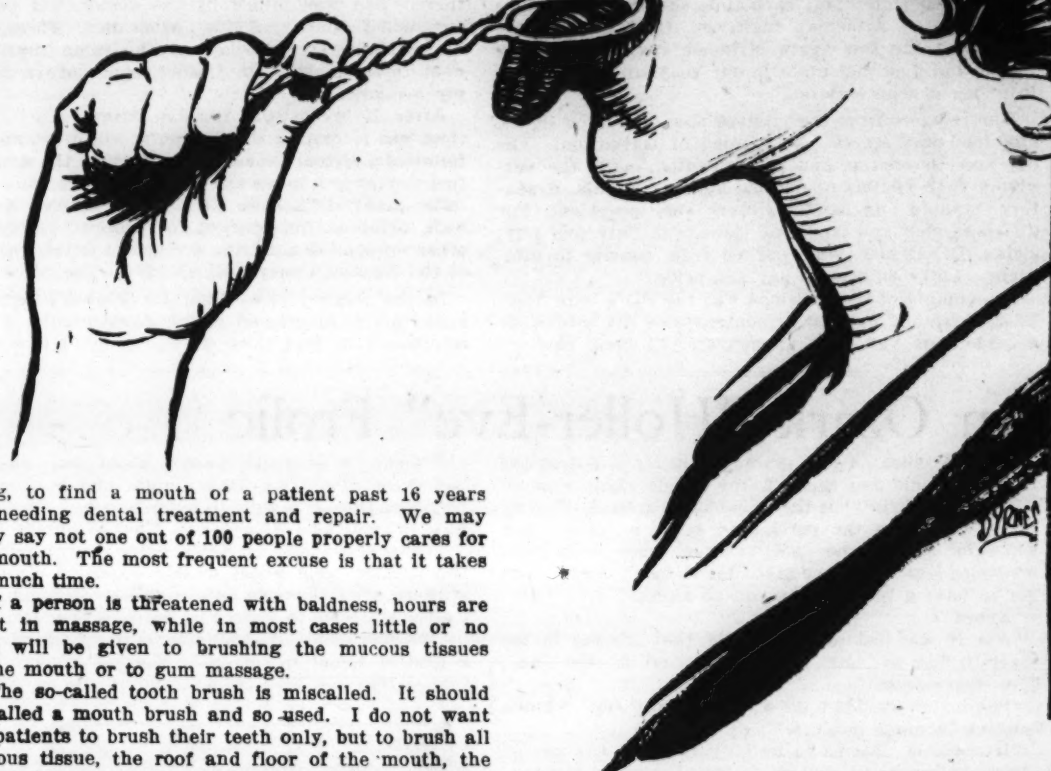
The upper surface of the tongue, showing the papillae, which give it its rough surface and (below) one of the circumvallate papillae as it looks under a powerful glass.

The upper surface of the tongue, as an inspection before a mirror will show, is covered with tiny eminences, called papillae. These give the tongue its characteristic roughness and it is these which catch minute particles of food and prevent them from being taken into the stomach. Near the base of the tongue are other papillae of large size and varying from eight to 12 in number. These are called the circumvallate papillae, and are even more prone than the smaller eminences to act as obstructions to the passage of food.

Tongue scrapers, which can be purchased at nearly any drug store, are simple devices, one kind consisting merely of a piece of aluminum wire twisted to form a loop at one end. A portion of the looped end is flattened to form a scraping edge. Others, more expensive, are made of celluloid.

Dr. Thorpe's views on mouth cleanliness were recently incorporated by him in an address which he delivered before a meeting of the Tennessee State Dental Society, and that part of the address which covers this subject is as follows:

"It is a rare thing, in this modern day of strenuous



living, to find a mouth of a patient past 16 years not needing dental treatment and repair. We may safely say not one out of 100 people properly cares for his mouth. The most frequent excuse is that it takes too much time.

"If a person is threatened with baldness, hours are spent in massage, while in most cases little or no time will be given to brushing the mucous tissues of the mouth or to gum massage.

"The so-called tooth brush is mis-called. It should be called a mouth brush and so used. I do not want my patients to brush their teeth only, but to brush all mucous tissue, the roof and floor of the mouth, the gums, cheeks and tongue the first thing on arising and on retiring, and after each meal if possible. If they do this thoroughly and properly, they cannot miss brushing their teeth.

"The thorough brushing of the gums with a rolling wrist motion is a stimulant unequalled, making flabby gums cling firmly to the teeth. Brushing the upper gums downward and the lower gums upward, toward the cusps and incisal edges, breaks up gelatinous plaques, infectious films, food and other deposits. Grasp the brush firmly in the palm of the hand, insert it down the throat on the palate, and brush out with a raking motion; also hold the brush on the floor of the mouth and brush the inner surfaces of the lower teeth with a raking motion; the same hold and motion should also be applied to brushing cusps and sulci of upper and lower teeth.

"The brush next should be held reversed with bristles out, that lip and cheek muscles may be brushed, then with patient standing in front of mirror, the tongue should be cleaned with brush and tongue scraper.

"Patients complain of a hard, new brush irritating the gums. Explanation should be made to them to go slowly and lightly at first, that the effect on sore gums is the same as is the hoe or rake on the hands in the spring, when one works in his garden. The first few days the hands blister but soon after callous. This is the identical effect on gum tissue. After a few weeks' use the gums may be brushed as hard as are the teeth. This is a personal habit in my own mouth and it is impossible to make my gums bleed by brushing or massage.

"Many persons have a constipated, furred tongue, covered with septic deposits, which breed germs, infecting the food and drink swallowed and the air breathed, objectionable and highly detrimental to mouth cleanliness.

"This may be partially overcome by the use, morning and night, of the tongue scraper, which is objectionable to many because it produces gagging. This may be offset if the patient holds the tongue in a napkin to avoid cutting it on the lower front teeth, then draw it out, take in several deep, quick breaths and

the tongue then may be cleaned from dorsal surface outward toward the tip. The patient, however, should be referred to a specialist whose duty it is to rectify fetor of the breath, which is presumably due to disorder of the stomach or bowels.

"I discourage the daily use of the prevalent mouth-wash habit and recommend to patients who desire highly polished teeth the use of a tooth powder, used dry on a dry brush.

"Friction is needed in brushing the gums to stimulate them. Friction is needed also to polish and cleanse the surfaces of a set of teeth.

"Modern pre-digested foods should be tabooed and hard foods recommended, with thorough mastication. This mechanically cleanses the teeth, induces the copious flow of saliva and massages the gum tissue. My belief in this for years past has led me to recommend the frequent daily use of chewing gum as an aid to a clean mouth, especially in children. The friction of the cheeks, lips and tongue in chewing gum is a most wholesome habit that relieves nerve tension and makes for a clean mouth.

"To stimulate circulation and strengthen the gum tissue we brush the gum towards the neck of the teeth, but to massage the gum tissue one must rub the gums from the periphery to the center of the mouth, kneading the tissue and rubbing it away from the tooth, driving the venous blood from the surface and permitting the deeper arterial blood to flow to the surface. This is directly opposite to what the average patient does or the average dentist understands or teaches by gum massage.

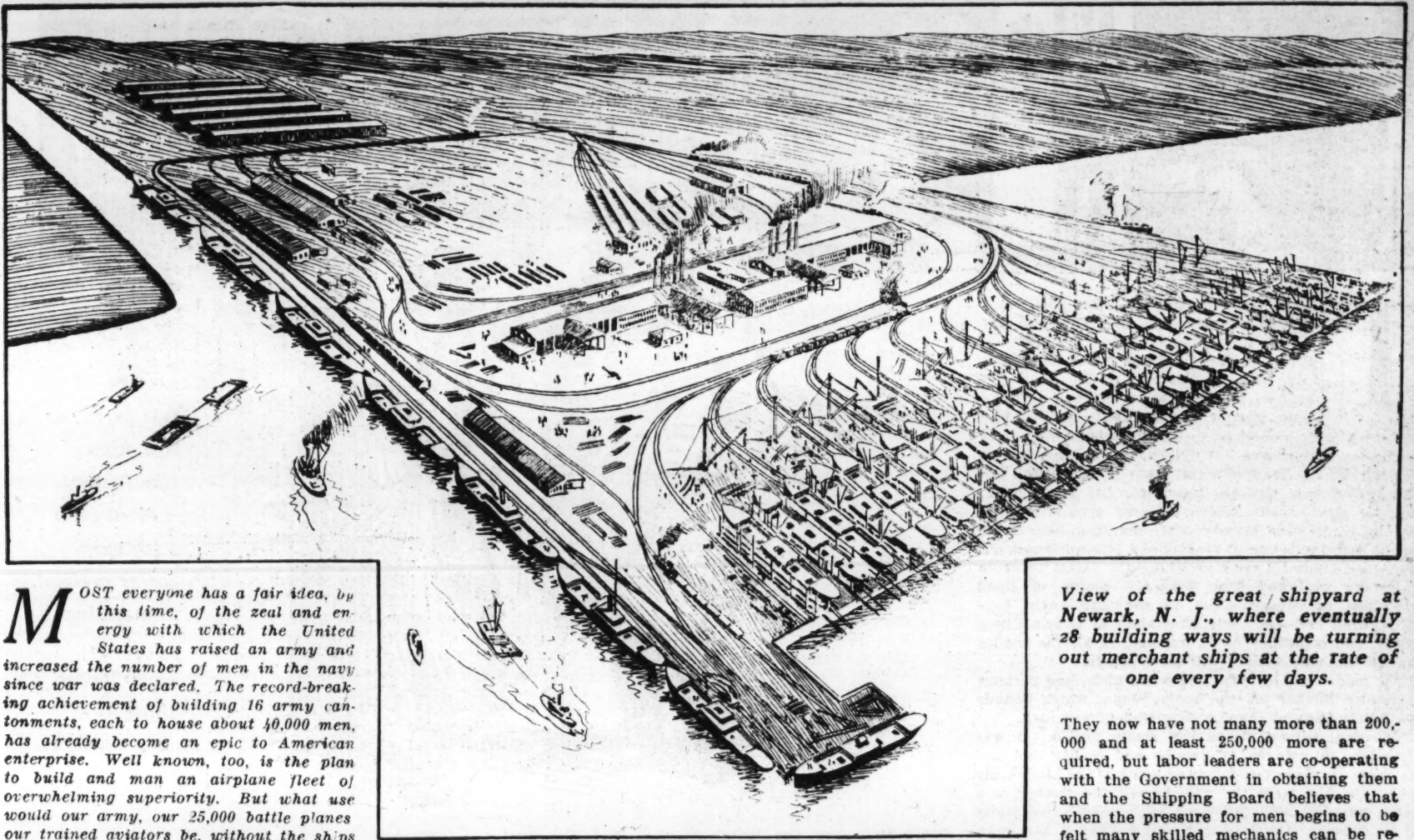
"The best remedy the speaker has yet discovered to aid in conjunction with gum massage is the formula of Dr. Will H. Whittier, known as "zinc sulpho-carbolate:"

Zinc sulpho-carbolate.....60 grains.  
Alcohol ..... 1 ounce.  
Distilled water ..... 2 ounces.  
Oil wintergreen ..... 8 drops.

"This for curative action and hardening the gums is excellent."



# Workmen, Ships, Airplanes—How We Stand Today On Tremendous Task the Nation Has Undertaken



View of the great shipyard at Newark, N. J., where eventually 28 building ways will be turning out merchant ships at the rate of one every few days.

**M**OST everyone has a fair idea, by this time, of the zeal and energy with which the United States has raised an army and increased the number of men in the navy since war was declared. The record-breaking achievement of building 16 army cantonments, each to house about 40,000 men, has already become an epic to American enterprise. Well known, too, is the plan to build and man an airplane fleet of overwhelming superiority. But what use would our army, our 25,000 battle planes our trained aviators be, without the ships to get them across the Atlantic and to keep moving over, in a never-ending stream, the supplies, the food, the munitions, for this great body of fighters?

**Ships**—that is the measure of what we can do in the war. And, although items have been printed, here and there, giving some idea of the progress made, the full story is not known. It is a stupendous job the nation has undertaken. Here are some of the impressive facts:

**W**HEN war was declared, the American merchant marine consisted of only about 300 ships of more than 1500 tons, or suitable for plying between this and foreign shores. A great merchant fleet, adding millions of tons to our bottoms, had to be built—and in a hurry.

The United States merchant marine now includes about 400 vessels of more than 1500 tons in, or capable of being in, the foreign trade. Of this about 700,000 tons represent German or Austrian vessels taken over by this Government. In 1914 we had less than 1,000,000 tons registered for foreign trade.

The Shipping Board has let contracts for 884 new vessels, aggregating roughly 4,750,000 tons; has requisitioned 426 vessels building on the ways of over 3,000,000 tons; and has contracts pending for about 100 other vessels of 610,000 tons. The total is between 11,000,000 and 11,500,000 tons, and if to this is added the American tonnage not used or usable on the high seas, America will have a merchant marine not far behind that of Great Britain.

If the shipping program prepared by the Government is carried through by the end of 1918, as has been

promised by Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board, the United States will have built more than ten times as many vessels as it ever built before in the same time, three times as many as Great Britain ever built, and nearly twice as many as the whole world.

For the building of these ships, great shipyards are springing up on both seacoasts, notably one at Newark, N. J., where eventually 28 building ways will be turning out "fabricated" ships—vessels upon which about 85 per cent of the work is done at the steel mills, and only 15 per cent at the shipyard—at the rate of one every few days.

To supply materials for construction, steel mills have increased their average monthly output from 65,000 tons last year to about 200,000 tons at the present time. In the next four months it is expected to reach an average of 250,000 tons, and it is hoped to reach 500,000 tons by next March.

For the wooden ships nearly 400,000,000 feet of Southern yellow pine timber will be required; another 100,000,000 feet will be needed for docks, ways, etc. While the output has been rather short of 600,000 feet a day, or about half of what is required, timber men have assured the Shipping Board that it can be brought to the mark.

Assurance also has been given that reciprocating engines for the wooden boats are being manufactured in sufficient quantity for all purposes, and that the turbines for the steel ships are also coming in as rapidly as needed.

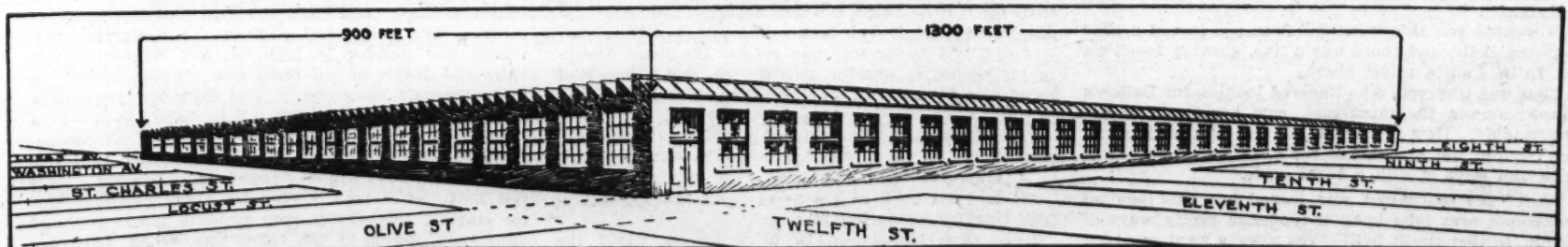
It is estimated that when the yards are under full pressure they will employ 400,000 to 500,000 workmen.

They now have not many more than 200,000 and at least 250,000 more are required, but labor leaders are co-operating with the Government in obtaining them and the Shipping Board believes that when the pressure for men begins to be felt many skilled mechanics can be released from the building trades and automobile and other factories. Reports of a liberal supply of labor are coming from the Pacific Coast, and it is believed that the obtaining of this great army of workmen is only a matter of mobilization.

For the manning of the great merchant fleet, 5000 deck officers, 5000 officers in engineering departments, and many thousands of sailors will be needed. For the training of officers, the Government has established nearly 20 free navigation and engineering schools. Two experts from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are at the head of the system. Candidates are, with exceptions in the engineering schools, required to have had sea experience; they take a six weeks' course, then go on pay as junior officers of coastwise or South American vessels, and are eligible to the extremely well-paid positions of the regular service. Hundreds graduate from these schools monthly. Commander E. L. Bennett recently told a Congressional committee that of the 165,000 men to be trained in coming months for ordinary service, 65,000 would be trained on shore. There are great training schools on the lakes and even inland—Dunwoodie, Minn., is typical. At Norfolk there will soon be accommodations for 30,000 men preparing for all kinds of naval service. The fighting fleet can be used to train men for mercantile service; British and other sailors can be used if necessary; and we can draw on the many thousands of men discharged in bygone years from the regular navy.

Forty-four days after the declaration of war, Congress responded to the appeal for funds with which to develop the war airplane industry in this country with

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The greatest airplane factory in the world has just been completed at a point in the United States. If placed in downtown St. Louis it would cover an area extending from Eighth to Twelfth streets and from Olive street to Lucas avenue. It can turn out a completed airplane every 9 1-2 minutes. Fifteen thousand men are employed there.



# AN OZARK "HOLLER-EVE" FROLIC AND HOW IT PROVED WOMEN SHOULDN'T VOTE

"Tain't no wonder, is it," says the father of one of the girls, "that us men is agin womern suffrage when we see sich superstition a-croppin' out in 'em?"—The woman crusader is invited to remain for the night, and when a neighbor drops in to pass the time o' day, she is privileged to hear an interesting conversation in which superstition is treated in a different way

By Alice Curtice Moyer-Wing.

**H**E stood leaning on the fence with his back to me as I rode up, turning his head ever so slightly as he heard La Belle's shoes on the stones in the lane that led up to his gate.

"Women is too superstitious to be trusted with the vote," he said. "I'll jist save you the trouble fust thing of askin' me if I believe in it. Jist as a example, for instance, as the feller says, they was a passel of gals a-celebratin' Holler-eve, t'other night."

He had turned half way round by now, and continued: "I'll tell you how it was. They's a old log house over in the field that one of my renters lived in once't. He died thar one night, all of a sudden, somehow, when he was all by hisself, and people says the cabin is hanted. I don't believe in no sich, myself, and when I heerd some kind of sounds over that-away, I went round to investigate, and there they was, a whole passel of gals, neighbors' gals, come to spend the night with Lizzie, a-tryin' their fortunes. They was a-goin' around that old hanted house, a-throwin' wheat and a-sayin' 'I sow, who reaps? I sow, who reaps,' or some sich fool stuff as that, and it so dark you couldn't see your hands afore you. They was scared, too, I could tell by the sound of their voices. But they was that superstitious, they was willin' to reek the hant jist to see whuther or not their future intendeds would appear. Now ain't that a sight?"

He faced me squarely now: "Tain't no wonder, is it, that us men is agin womern sufferage when we see sich weakness as that a-croppin' out in 'em. Lizzie, she's eighteen and the other gals was about the same age. Plenty old enough to be above sich doin's."

"Were you ever just eighteen?" I asked.

"Shore I was. But I didn't never do no sich fool tricks as that. It's jist womern's weakness. That's all. Jist weak'ness. And it makes it plumb plain to me that they ain't fit fer anything big like the vote. Rec'on that's La Belle you're ridin'?"

For the 'steenth time that day I replied in the affirmative.

"I loved it was. But I'm fergittin' what I was a-goin' to say. Lizzie and her Ma had to go to town today, but they said I was to ax you to stay all night if you got this fur. It's purty nigh four, now, an'll be gittin' dark in a little while. If you'll go in and make yourself at home, I'll take keer of your hoss and Lizzie and her Ma will be along in jist no time."

They were. And we had supper at dark. That meant a long evening. Lizzie and her Ma got their knitting. There was a big blaze of pine knots in the fireplace. A neighbor came in to "pass the time o' day" and everybody settled down to hear the news.

"Goin' to kill hawks soon?" asked the neighbor.

"Soon as the sign is right," replied the host. "If you kill 'em while the moon is wanin' the meat all goes to grease."

"It shore does. Funny about it, but it's so."

"We're goin' to have a change in the weather soon, I think."

"Yes; we've had three mighty frosty mornin's now, right hand-runnin'. It'll rain or snow or turn cold, shore. Never knowed it to fall. And I noticed the hawks a-runnin' and playin' as I come along."

"And old Tillicum is a-layin' with

his back to the fire tonight. Good sign of bad weather."

Tillicum was the cat.

"And this mornin'," said the neighbor, "when Serry was a-gittin' breakfast, the stove was plumb red, with the same amount of wood that it holds all the time without gittin' that a-way ordinary. It's jist when a storm is a-comin' on that it gits a rale turkey gobbler red. And I heerd the owls a-talkin' last night. When they all git together that a-way of a night, all a-tryin' to talk at the same time, you can shore look out fer a change in the weather. Never knowed it to fall."

"A mighty good sign of rain is when the sun comes up clear and then, right away, gits in behind a cloud."

"It shore is. And when you see the chickens out a-wadin' around in the rain it'll rain a right smart more afore it quits."

"And it's plumb funny about the old sayin', 'If it begins afore seven it'll quit afore 'leven. T'other mornin' when it commenced to rain early I jist went ahead with my work. I knowed it wouldn't keep it up. You can shore bank on that old sayin' ever time."

"You shore can. Put your multiplyin' onions out yet?"

"No. I ain't much faith in onions that you put out in the fall, but I reckon we'll set out a few in a day or two. Plant 'em in the dark of the moon if you want big bowls to 'em, and in the light of it if you want 'em to run to top. They say that Tim Jackson is a-movin' away from the Crowdus place."

"That's what I heerd. Mighty doolless feller. Mighty doolless. Cain't do no good nowheres, looks like. But he shore brung some of his bad luck on hisself, this time: I was thar when he was a-movin' his fambly in, and what did he do, but walk into the house, fust thing, with one of his shoes off. Hurt his foot, er somethin', and he jist up and tuck it off. Blamed fool."

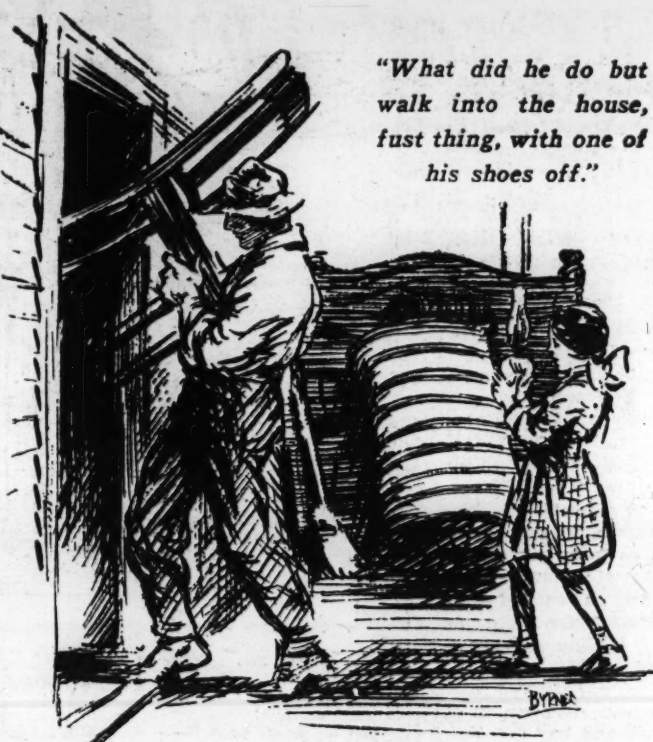
"You shore wouldn't git me to walk around with jist one shoe on. Reckon it don't mean nothin', but a feller jist as well be on the safe side. And they brung a old broom with 'em, too, I heerd. Don't reckon they's nothin' in it, but you wouldn't ketch me a-movin' one jist the same."

"Me nuther. Did you hear about the rucas Jim Todd and his brother-in-law got into?"

"Yes. I was with 'em the mornin' it started. That is, I seed 'em a-ridin' along when that tree parted 'em. After that, Jim, he borried some corn and never said turkey about payin' it back. Then his brother-in-law, he turned and bought a side of meat from Jim and never said dawg about payin' him fer it. 'Course they ain't nothin' to it, but I don't never pass on one side of a tree and let nobody that's with me pass on tother side, 'less I'm wantin' a fight. Maybe they'd a-cheated each other jist the same, but maybe they wouldn't, too."

"Lizzie," to his daughter, "cain't we have some popcorn tonight? Now, don't burn the cobs, Lizzie, till the corn is popped. It'll shore scorch if you do. Never knowed it to fall."

"How many molasses did you keep fer yourself?" asked the neighbor.



"What did he do but walk into the house, fust thing, with one of his shoes off."

"Oh, a right smart. More'n we'll want fer ourselves, I reckon. They're shore fine. Want some?"

"I reckon I'll take a few. Heerd any new riddles lately?"

"Yes; here's one: A little Chineee was walkin' along by a big Chineee. He was the big Chineee's son, out the big Chineee wasn't the little Chineee's father."

"That's shore a bad one. Let's see: How could it possibly be that he was the big one's son and the big one not be his daddy? Huh?"

"Maybe the big one was his mammy," ventured Lizzie's Ma.

"Haw! haw! haw! Who'd a thought of you a-guessin' it, Ma. That's shore the right answer."

"Well, here's another," said the neighbor. "I saw Brownbrickembrackham jump into the field of Wickemwackham; I sent Tomtickemtackham to drive Brownbrickembrackham out of the field of Wickemwackham. Cain't none of you guess that, I reckon, in a hundred years. Heerd it down to the Bluff tother day. A whole crowd was a-guessin' at it. The pint is, first, who is Brownbrickembrackham. Secondly, who is Tomtickemtackham? And thirdly, what is the field of Wickemwackham? When you once know that, the rest is easy."

"Shore. But how is a feller to guess at who they air?"

"That's the pint. Couldn't none of 'em guess it down at the Bluff."

"Then how did you find out yourself?"

"Didn't. Cain't be guessed. That's what makes it interestin'."

"Shore. You don't keer a darn about a thing after you know all about it. Ain't that the truth?"

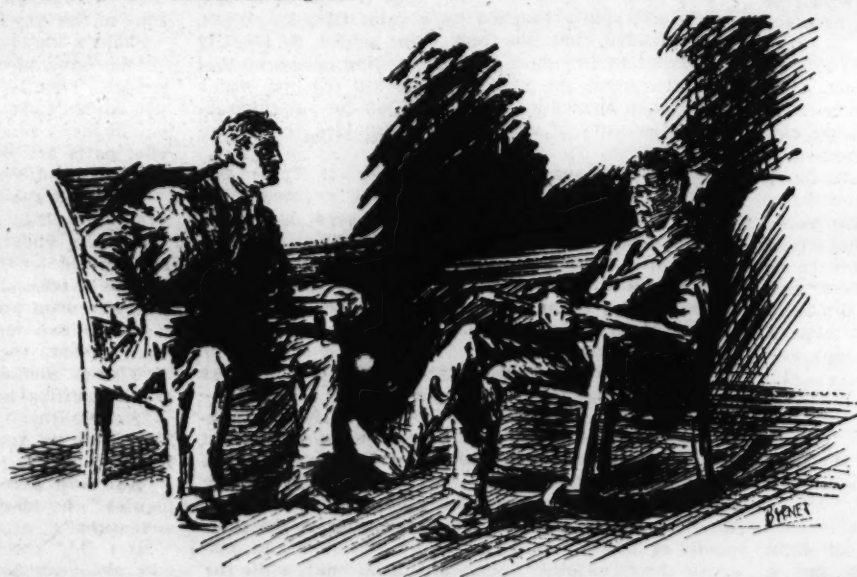
"The wolves caught a litter of pigs fer Tom Horn tother night. This is shore to be a long, hard winter and the wolves likely to be mighty bad. Ever'thing pints to a hard winter."

"It shore does. I never seen the corn shucks any thicker in my life than they air this year. That's a shore sign."

"And the shells on the hickernuts is awful thick, and as hard as a rock. And the hawks is a-makin' the biggest beds I've ever saw 'em build in many a year. That's one of the best signs I ever knowed of."

"Comin' with that corn, Lizzie," called the host, "er air you a-settin' another dumb supper? Huh? Her and one of the neighbor gals (to the caller) shore tuck the rag off the bush tother night, a-hollerin', when they got that skeer at midnight. They was a-settin' a dumb supper as they called it. Everythin' they done they walked back'ards and not a single word was said while they was a-cookin' it. They set the table fer four and jist as the clock struck twelve they set down with the door open to wait to see who'd come to eat wiv 'em. They'd set thar about ten minutes, I reckon, when they heerd a awful noise on the porch. It was shore a awful

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"We've had three mighty frosty mornin's now, right hand-runnin'. It'll rain or snow, or turn cold, shore."



# The Little Lady of the Books

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**T**HE LITTLE LADY OF THE BOOKS—I give you Sanderson's first name for her—had a dual personality. Now if you drop her story at this point, fearing a page from the Society of Psychical Research, you will have made a mistake none greater, for the Little Lady of the Boo's was only a shopgirl in Daskam's book store, and the Society, etc., knew her not; moreover, she was no higher than the heart of a tall man; her beautiful, untidy brown hair was too heavy for her small head; and her pink cheeks, and wide, gray eyes effectually disowned research of any sort, marking her, so to speak, with the brand of dreams and blissful ignorance. She stood behind a counter where the latest thing in stationery exploited itself brazenly—plaids, or lined envelopes, or ragged edges, as the case might be—and behind her rose shelf after shelf of Gray's Linen Royal, and somebody else's lousine, in all the shades that fashionable woman will set a pen to.

The magazines lay just across the aisle, and perhaps a counter further on, the books began, which bounds the Little Lady of them with sufficient accuracy.

The dual personality is less easily placed. It was strangely interwoven of dreams and reality and had its roots in the not-so-far-away youth of the Little Lady when she had wept to 'now herself the mother of a dead lady-doll, and officiated with priestly solemnity at its funeral. Outward and visible signs it had none, if you except a certain looking past you of her eyes, and a trifling inattention, always prettily apologized for at once.

Say you were an old lady, and writing paper with a mourning band was your necessity. The Little Lady of the Books knew just what you wanted, she quite agreed with you that 50 cents a pound lasted as well as the 75 cents kind, and she counted out your change with a soft little "thank you" that was as good as an extra dime, but the minute your back was turned, and no other customer presented himself, a remarkable change took place. To the eye of the Casual Observer, the Little Lady merely arranged her stock and thrust a box of the Linen-Royal further back upon the shelf; as a matter of fact she stepped slowly down the reaches of a wonderful, polished stairway, trailing the lacy sweetness of a white gown upon a crimson carpet, and crossed a wide hall to a tremendous open fireplace with great logs flaming in the heart of it, and the shadows of a November dusk falling softly upon the tapestried walls, and in the far-off corners. The Little Lady sank slowly, with graceful disposal of chiffon and lace into a great armchair of some black, carved wood, and stretched out her hand to a bowl of crimson roses that stood on a little table of oakwood beside her. But before she could draw a single rose from its fellows, there was a step on the polished floor of the hall—a ringing, masculine step, pointed, perhaps, with the clink of a spur; from the opened door a little gust of chill air swept her cheek, and a blithe whistle came out of the shadows. The Little Lady sat very still and waited. The step came nearer, and the whistle was of a most mocking sweetness—there was a wonderful, breathless pause, and then someone leaned over the back of the great carved chair, and Someone said gaily: "Moping by the fire? I had a splendid ride!"

"I've been lazy," said the Little Lady, "I rode this morning."

"I wanted you this evening," Someone leaned nearer over the chair, and there was a live, glowing touch on the Little Lady's velvet cheek.

That was why you, who lingered looking for Dalton's Bazaar among the magazines, saw her flush so unaccountably. How she knew the feel of that touch, I don't know, but she waited for it as knight for accolade, and wore it with a royal pride.

"Ah!" she murmured, and leaned her head against Someone's arm (she knew a thousand pretty ways of loving, in that firelit hall), "you always want me. Last night at the ball"—it was usually at this point, or sometimes like it, that a stout man with spectacles arrived, demanding comic post cards, something new and catchy. That was in Daskam's book store, but the

firelit hall gave way before a touch, and the Little Lady of the Books emerged into the daylight, her look a trifle hazy but her smile incredibly patient.

Sometimes it was from a midnight ride in a great French touring car that the Little Lady of the Books came back to sell blotting paper and a fountain pen to an impatient school teacher. Sometimes she and Someone were interrupted on the deck of a yacht, with Someone's passionate, dead-white moon staring across the bows—sometimes it was her afternoon tea that was intruded upon by unreasonable customers, but most often, the twilight hour in the big hall, the gust of wind through the opened door, and the clink of a spur. For Someone himself—I have not named him since his name changed often—Cecil once—once Jack—and once but only once, Steve. That was in the day of a certain matinee idol, and his favored character. Equally, Someone's facial characteristics were fickle. He wore a mustache and imperial at one time, like the Grand Duke Michael, but the Little Lady approved a square and cleanly chin, so he shaved them—or they disappeared, I don't rightly know which. His eyes were generally brown, but about the time Sanderson took to buying his magazines at Daskam's they became blue, which brings us to the question of Sanderson himself, with pause only for the remark that, whatever his features, Someone was always both accurate and immaculate in the matter of tailoring. Sanderson was not, being only a poor devil of a newspaper man, but he had blue eyes of a winning boyishness, and an infinite experience which atoned somewhat for his reckless haberdashery.

His first meeting with the Little Lady of the Books was like lightning in a cloud sheath.

"I want a copy of the Criterion," said Sanderson when Destiny had led him to Daskam's magazine counter.

"It isn't in yet," said the Little Lady.

Sanderson looked up to remonstrate, and remarked that the Little Lady blushed deeply. She had just discovered that it was Someone he looked like.

"Oh!" said Sanderson, and rattled the loose change in his pocket (a quarter, two nickels and a bunch of keys) as an excuse for watching the blush fade. "Not in yet?"

"No," said the Little Lady. "Is there anything else you wish?" If there was, he should have it.

"I think not," said Sanderson, "no, not today."

He had not once looked away from that wonderful wild rose sunset on her face.

"The Criterion should be in tomorrow," said the Little Lady. In fancy she was rapidly blueing Someone's eyes, and giving his chin a squarer set. She even hesitated over his beautiful, wide, gray, four-in-hand, for Sanderson wore a soft, black bow.

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"Then I'll come back," said Sanderson eagerly.

"All right," murmured the Little Lady.

She sold a 15-cent magazine for 10 cents immediately following his departure, and had to make up the extra nickel out of her own, concave, little pocketbook, but in the fragrant, firelit gloom of her wide hall, before the fire of logs, she looked across the hearth into the new blue eyes of Someone, eyes of an infinite experience they were, holding a winning boyishness, and dimpled deeply. That nickel was a hostage to fortune.

You might not guess that from so small a beginning—from Sanderson's gentlemanly request for a Criterion, and the Little Lady's assurance that they would be in tomorrow—could spring the perfect flower, but it did. It was not six months before Sanderson said to the Little Lady one night—in the shadow of a park oak it was, and nobody's business, so why shouldn't they sit there?—that he wanted her. He said it rather better than that, for the measure of love in a man like Sanderson is the measure of art. His voice grew husky and trembled; he used not many words, and stumbled twice into silence; but the Little Lady understood, being gifted of the gods of youth, and, while she said nothing at all, she managed to make it clear with eyes and lips, and tender hands that Sanderson was not altogether repugnant to her. They walked back to her house in the golden haze that comes just once, but has many fashionable imitations, and two months later they were married. They had only each other, if you except the Little Lady's aunt, who had daughters of her own, and was respectfully glad to be rid of the Little Lady's pink cheeks and gray eyes.

It was for more than a year after that, I think, that the dual personality lay dormant. For why, when the Little Lady could sit on the arm of a real Morris chair, lean her cheek upon the live, warm cheek of Sanderson—he was careless about his ties but he never forgot to shave—and blink at a real coal fire, small, it is true, but noisy and pleasant to a degree—why should she wander in high-raftered, wide-windowed halls and dream of red roses and clinking spurs? It was obviously unnecessary, and Someone slept in a forgotten dream while the Little Lady, swathed in check aprons, like some new, sweet kind of cocoon, parleyed with the grocer's boy, and learned by bitter experience that if you cast your bread upon the water, you must let it soak longer for bread pudding than for stuffing. Otherwise your pudding is too dry, and Sanderson, being of the tribe who, when dead, are known as journalists, was not among those who esteem dryness. Neither, in the final estimate, was he of those who wallow peacefully in domesticity. So far into the marital delights of dullness he followed



Sheldon could not conceal the shock her words gave him.

"You don't mean that, you know," he pleaded.

"I do; I really do. I am sick and tired of this protection dodge. Don't forget for a moment that I am perfectly able to take care of myself. Besides, I have eight of the best protectors in the world—my sailors."

"You should have lived a thousand years ago," he laughed, "or a thousand years hence. You are very primitive and equally super-modern. The twentieth century is no place for you."

"But the Solomon Islands are. You were living like a savage when I came along and found you—eating nothing but tinned meat and scones that would have ruined the digestion of a camel. Anyway, I've remedied that, and since we are to be partners, it will stay remedied. You won't die of malnutrition, be sure of that."

"If we enter into partnership," he announced, "it must be thoroughly understood that you are not allowed to run the schooner. You can go down to Sydney and buy her, but a skipper we must have."

"At so much additional expense, and most likely a whisky-drinking, irresponsible and incapable man to boot. Besides, I'd have the business more at heart than any man we could hire. As for capability, I tell you I can sail all around the average broken captain or promoted able seaman you find in the South Seas. And you know I am a navigator."

"But being my partner," he said, coolly, "makes you none the less a lady."

"Thank you for telling me that my contemplated conduct is unladylike."

She arose, tears of anger and mortification in her eyes, and went over to the phonograph.

"I wonder if all men are as ridiculous as you?" she said.

He shrugged his shoulders and smiled. Discussion was useless—he had learned that; and he was resolved to keep his temper. And before the day was out, she capitulated. She was to go to Sydney on the first steamer, purchase the schooner and sail back with an island skipper on board. And then she inveigled Sheldon into agreeing that she could take occasional cruises in the islands, though he was adamant when it came to a recruiting trip on Malaita. That was the one thing barred.

And after it was all over, and a terse and business-like agreement (by her urging) drawn up and signed, Sheldon paced up and down for a full hour, meditating upon how many different kinds of a fool he had made of himself. It was an impossible situation, and yet no more impossible than the previous one, and no more impossible than the one that would have obtained had she gone off on her own account and bought Parisulay. He had never seen a more independent woman who stood more in need of a protector than this boy-minded girl who had landed on his beach with picturesque savages, a long-barrelled revolver, a bag of gold and a gaudy merchandise of imagined romance and adventure.

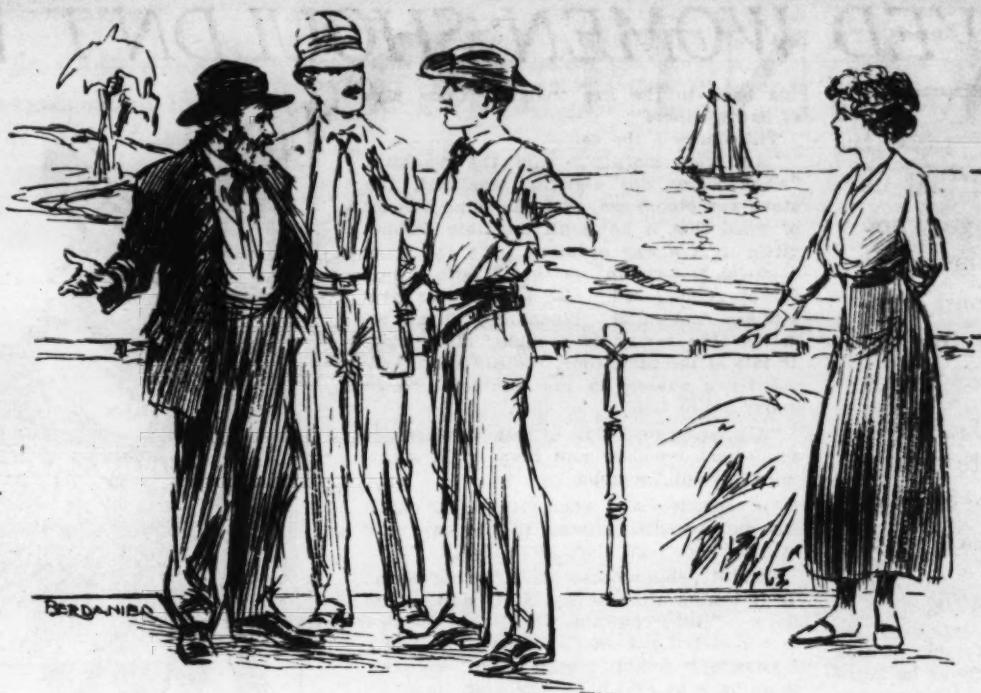
He had never read of anything to compare with it. The fictionists, as usual, were exceeded by fact. The whole thing was too preposterous to be true. He gnawed his mustache and smoked cigarette after cigarette. Satan, back from a prow around the compound, ran up to him and touched his hand with a cold, damp nose. Sheldon caressed the animal's ears, then threw himself into a chair and laughed heartily. What would the Commissioner of the Solomons think? What would his people at home think? And in the one breath he was glad that the partnership had been effected and sorry that Joan Lackland had ever come to the Solomons. Then he went inside and looked at himself in a hand mirror. He studied the reflection long and thoughtfully and wonderingly.

## CHAPTER XIV. THE MARTHA.

THEY were deep in a game of billiards the next morning, after the 11 o'clock breakfast, when Viaburi entered and announced:

"Big fella schooner close up."

Even as he spoke, they heard the rumble of chain through hawse pipe, and from the veranda saw a big black-painted schooner, swinging to her just-caught anchor.



"And so," said Von Blix, "for Mr. Tudor's expedition we must have some black boys. Can we get them from you?"

"It's a Yankee," Joan cried. "See that bow! Look at that elliptical stern! Ah, I thought so," as the Stars and Stripes fluttered to the masthead.

Noa Noah, at Sheldon's direction, ran the Union Jack up the flagstaff.

"Now what is an American vessel doing down here?" Joan asked. "It's not a yacht, though I'll wager she can sail. Look! Her name! What is it?"

"Martha, San Francisco," Sheldon read, looking through the telescope. "It's the first Yankee I ever heard of in the Solomons. They are coming ashore, whoever they are. And, by Jove, look at those men at the oars. It's an all-white crew. Now what reason brings them here?"

"They're not proper sailors," Joan commented. "I'd be ashamed of a crew of black boys that pulled in such a fashion. Look at that fellow in the bow—the one just jumping out; he'd be more at home on a cow pony."

The boat's crew scattered up and down the beach, ranging about with eager curiosity, while the two men who had sat in the sternsheets opened the gate and came up the path to the bungalow. One of them, a tall and slender man, was clad in white ducks that fitted him like a semi-military uniform. The other man, in nondescript garments that were both of the sea and shore and that must have been uncomfortably hot, slouched and shambled like an overgrown ape. To complete the illusion, his face seemed to sprout in all directions with a dense, bushy mass of red whiskers, while his eyes were small and sharp and restless.

Sheldon, who had gone to the head of the steps, introduced them to Joan. The bewhiskered individual, who looked like a Scotchman, had the Teutonic name of Von Blix and spoke with a strong American accent. The tall man in the well-fitting ducks, who gave the English name of Tudor—John Tudor—talked purely-enunciated English such as any cultured American would talk, save for the fact that it was most delicately and subtly touched by a faint German accent. Joan decided that she had been helped to identify the accent by the short German-looking mustache that did not conceal the mouth and its full red lips, which would have formed a Cupid's bow but for some harshness or severity of spirit that had molded them masculinely.

Von Blix was rough and boorish, but Tudor was gracefully easy in everything he did, or looked, or said. His blue eyes sparkled and flashed, his clean-cut features were an index to his slightest shades of feeling and expression. He bubbled with enthusiasm, and his faintest smile or lightest laugh seemed spontaneous and genuine. But it was only occasionally, at first, that he spoke, for Von Blix told their story and stated their errand.

They were on a gold-hunting expedition. He was the leader and Tudor was his lieutenant. All hands—and there were 28—were shareholders, in varying proportions, in the adventure. Several were sailors, but the large majority were miners, culled from all the camps from Mexico to the Arctic Ocean. It was the old and ever-unfiring pursuit of gold, and they came to the Solomons to get it. Part of them, under the leadership of Tudor, were to go up the Balesuna and penetrate the mountainous heart of Guadalcanar, while the Martha, under Von Blix, sailed away for Malaita to put through similar exploration.

"And so," said Von Blix, "for Mr. Tudor's expedition we must have some black boys. Can we get them from you?"

"Of course we will pay," Tudor broke in. "You have only to charge what you consider them worth. You pay them 6 pounds a year, don't you?"

"In the first place, we can't spare them," Sheldon answered. "We are short of them on the plantation as it is."

"We?" Tudor asked quickly. "Then you are a firm or a partnership? I understood at Guvutu that you were alone, that you had lost your partner."

Sheldon inclined his head toward Joan and as he spoke she felt that he had become a trifle stiff.

"Miss Lac'land has become interested in the plantation since then. But to return to the boys. We can't spare them, and besides, they would be of little use. You couldn't get them to accompany you beyond Binu, which is a short day's work with the boats from here. They are Malaita men, and they are afraid of being eaten. They would desert you at the first opportunity. You could get the Binu men to

accompany you another day's journey, through the grass lands, but at the first roll of the foothills look for them to turn back. They likewise are disinclined to being eaten."

"Is it as bad as that?" asked Von Blix.

"The interior of Guadalcanar has never been explored," Sheldon explained. "The bushmen are as wild men as are to be found anywhere in the world to-day. I have never seen one. I have never seen a man who has seen one. They never come down to the coast, though their scouting parties occasionally eat a coast native who has wandered too far inland. Nobody knows anything about them. They don't even use tobacco—have never learned its use. The Austrian expedition—scientists, you know—got part way in before it was cut to pieces. The monument is up the beach there several miles. Only one man got back to the coast to tell the tale. And now you have all I or any other man knows of the inside of Guadalcanar."

"But gold—have you heard of gold?" Tudor asked impatiently. "Do you know anything about gold?"

Sheldon smiled, while the two visitors hung eagerly upon his words.

"You can go two miles up the Balesuna and wash colors from the gravel. I've done it often. There is gold undoubtedly back in the mountains."

Tudor and Von Blix looked triumphantly at each other.

"Old Wheatsheaf's yarn was true, then," Tudor said, and Von Blix nodded. "And if Malaita turns out as well"—

Tudor broke off and looked at Joan.

"It was the tale of this old beachcomber that brought us here," he explained. "Von Blix befriended him and was told the secret." He turned and addressed Sheldon. "I think we shall prove that white men have been through the heart of Guadalcanar long before the time of the Austrian expedition."

Sheldon shrugged his shoulders.

"We have never heard of it down here," he said simply. Then he addressed Von Blix. "As to the boys, you couldn't use them farther than Binu, and I'll lend you as many as you want as far as that. How many of your party are going, and how soon will you start?"

"Ten," said Tudor; "nine men and myself."

"And you should be able to start day after tomorrow," Von Blix said to him. "The boats should be practically knocked together this afternoon. Tomorrow should see the outfit portioned and packed. As for the Martha, Mr. Sheldon, we'll rush the stuff ashore this afternoon and sail by sundown."

As the two men returned down the path to their boat, Sheldon regarded Joan quizzically.

"There's romance for you," he said, "and adventure—gold hunting among the cannibals."

"A title for a book," she cried. "Or better yet, 'Gold Hunting Among the Head Hunters.' My! Wouldn't it sell!"

"And now aren't you sorry you became a coconut planter?" he teased. "Think of investing in such an adventure."

"If I did," she retorted, "Von Blix wouldn't be finicky about my joining in the cruise to Malaita."

"I don't doubt but what he would jump at it."

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# The Little Lady of the Books

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the Little Lady, so far, but no further, and from an impatient bondage it grew to be a certain freedom to him that his work on the paper kept him out in the world three-fourths of the day and two-thirds of the night.

Puddings he endured, if spicy, but the Little Lady had never learned to make a good rarebit, and among the wild crew of his bachelor days there were those who did. This, of course, the Little Lady could not know, and it was a careless scrawl dated from the Press Club, a request for a few hours of Sanderson's time on his off-night, when he should, by virtue of all precedent, have taken the Little Lady to the theater, that opened the first rift.

In an unhappy evening alone, with the fire flickering to a dreary ash, and the room grown chill, the Little Lady had her first recourse to Cecil, or Jack, or, if you will, Steve, and in the first sharp hurt of her neglect, his eyes went brown again. It was to his willing ear that the Little Lady whispered all her lonely heart, while he slipped a cushion behind her head, and a footstool beneath her feet—all the little, loverlike trifles that Sanderson had been daily forgetting—and sympathized softly and silently with the empty hands she warmed at the logs of the great, old fireplace. It was her first evening alone with him, but it was not her last.

Sanderson had found that the bars of the pasture were not too high for jumping.

If you think from this that Sanderson had ceased to love the Little Lady you are very hasty. He had only grown used to her, which is infinitely harder on the heart, and lighter on the morals. If possession is nine-tenths of the law, then is dullness nine-tenths of possession, and while the Little Lady had been a poem to Sanderson when she leaned across the counter of Daskam's, and blushed for his edification, at his own hearthstone, with her hands a little red from industrious domesticity, and her mind divided between bias folds on her new gown and the best way to bake a chicken, she was prose, purely—a piece of very necessary and sensible prose that a man does not care to read every evening in the week—particularly when a brilliant and witty bit of a drama, in the guise of Life, is accessible just around the corner—any corner.

So Sanderson spent his evenings off away from home, and the Little Lady learned to be unhappy without stopping the daily routine. More and more she sank herself into dreams and fancies. The old dream of the firelit hall was an opiate, an anesthetic to her ache of loneliness, and it resigned her to empty days and silent nights as no reasoning could have done, but the indulgence and the loneliness told on her. She grew careless of her hair, and she wore her clothes without personality.

Sanderson asked one day if she were ill.

"Ill!" she said surprised, then she broke suddenly into a passion of tears, and the door shut hard behind her.

Sanderson followed her half way, then shrugged his shoulders and went out, angry for the jolt to his peace of mind.

"I don't care what you do for a woman—she's never satisfied," he said to himself virtuously. He had given her ten dollars only that morning and asked her if she couldn't get a

decent hat, one of those big, soft things with feathers. It was that night that he found the letter, a vagrant sheet of the Little Lady's monogrammed paper, forgotten among the litter in a drawer of her table, where he rummaged recklessly for twine. He was late for his work at the office and the Little Lady was clearing away the dinner dishes in the next room, with hands that moved, unfeeling, and feet that dragged. If the name, in her unformed script, had not stood up black and big from the top of the page, Sanderson would assuredly have thrust it aside, being honest after his own tenets; as it was, he lifted the sheet to the light and stared at it, misdoubting his eyes for the written evidence of Dearest Jack.

He could not misdoubt them long, in view of the next line where Dearest Jack was implored not to think her a little coward, and please to help her. A mighty rage rose in Sanderson, and constricted the muscles of his throat.

Line for line he read the pitiful little scrawl, deliberately word for word, and the possession that was nine-tenths of the law, and had become nine-tenths of dullness, choked him as he read, with the thought of his loss, and the shame to his pride.

"He is not good to me," the Little Lady had written. "I don't think he cares any more." The dishes, as she carried them from the table, made a dull, rattling sound, and the paper crumpled a moment in Sanderson's fingers. "If it were not for you, Dear Dearest—I don't know what I should do. The evenings are so long—so long—and he hasn't spent even one of his nights off at home for months. I used to be horribly lonely at first, but I have gotten used to it now, and you do help me so—as you used to help me when the store was tiresome, and I couldn't see any use in things. When I hear your step on the floor, and know that I have you to turn to, I can stand the loneliness better. You're always the same—always dear and thoughtful and loving. I used to wonder what I had done to make things different between him and me—but I guess it doesn't matter. It's just something I'm not that he didn't notice at first, and misses now. I ought to have known it wouldn't last. Nothing ever has lasted for me but you," the line broke abruptly. Sanderson read from first word to last three times in the silent room.

If you think the Little Lady was mad, you are very hasty. There are more letters written by women that are never mailed than a poor mathematician would care to count (and the dream of the firelit hall and Someone had been very real to the Little Lady all her life). There are letters to men who have stopped loving, to men who have never begun to love, and some, like the Little Lady's, scrawled in an empty hour, to dream lovers who never came true at all. These are the letters that hide in the pigeon holes of many a desk, and it is not once in a score of years that one of them sees the light, as did the Little Lady's, in Sanderson's shaking fingers.

When he had read it the third time, his face was drawn, and his eyes wet. Temperament is an infallible guide in matters of the emotions. He saw himself in a flashlight of unlovely truth, and he saw the Little Lady as he had seen her first, and further than that, he saw dimly a third figure which was not to come between them if his strength was worth its body room. What was his he could keep, and the Little Lady was his, though it came to him with a chilling realization that he had kept her but slackly. Under the gaslight his look grew menacing and haggard, so that the Little Lady pausing in the doorway, and stretching one slender arm vainly back over her shoulder, in the dislocating effort that goes with unbuttoning a big check apron, stopped where she stood, and stared, with a distinct smudge on her left cheek.

"Are you sick?" she gasped.

Sanderson could not speak. He held out the paper, then drew it back, irresolute. At last his voice came hoarsely:



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"I know everything," he said, "I found this—I couldn't help seeing!"

The Little Lady took it from him, her face crimsoning painfully.

"And you read it?" she asked with scorn.

"Read it!" said Sanderson, "I saw the first two words and then!"

The Little Lady swept the page in a lightning look of understanding, then she went over to the mantelpiece and leaned against it, hiding her face upon her outstretched arm. Sanderson followed her.

"I've been a brute," he muttered huskily.

She did not answer.

"I don't blame you," said Sanderson. He was making a mighty struggle to be just—"I'm not worth kicking—I didn't deserve to have you. I see it"—his voice broke like the snapping of a tense-drawn string. "Say I'm not too late!" he cried fiercely—

"Do you hear me—say I'm not too late! You'll let me make it up to you."

"Make it up to me—how?" said the Little Lady, cold and tired.

"There was plenty of room, wasn't there?" said the Little Lady. She did not lift her face from the shielding arm.

"I am your husband," said Sanderson.

"Yes, of course," echoed the Little Lady without conviction.

Sanderson moved swiftly and caught her to him, crushing her against his heart so that it beat heavily and unevenly in her ear.

"I love you," he muttered, and his voice was rough.

The Little Lady lay still within his arms, almost like a bird from which a child's hand has crushed the life. Presently she spoke, not lifting her head.

"There isn't any Jack," she whispered. "It's a kind of make-believe. I've done it all my life."

Sanderson's arms tightened cruelly, and a tumultuous smile grew upon her hidden face.

"That letter," he said slowly, "you mean you wrote it to?"

"I was lonely," said the Little Lady, "and I thought you didn't care any more."

"I've been through hell," said Sanderson huskily, after a little. "You don't know!"

The Little Lady, who did know, kept silence.

"It will be different now," he promised, his lips on the soft, untidy beauty of her hair. "You shall never be lonely again."

The Little Lady of the Books smiled with wet eyes, out of the knowledge that is not quickly unlearned.

"I wonder?" she said to herself, as she left the key in the door of the firelit hall.

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## ADVENTURE

JACK LONDON'S  
Gripping Story of the South SeasCHAPTER XIII.  
THE LOGIC OF YOUTH.

"I WISH I knew whether you are merely headstrong, or whether you really intend to be a Solomon planter," Sheldon said, in the morning at breakfast.

"I wish you were more adaptable," Joan retorted. "You have more preconceived notions than any man I ever met. Why in the name of common sense, in the name of—fairplay, can't you get it into your head that I am different from the women you have known and treat me accordingly? You surely ought to know I am different. I sailed my own schooner here—skipper, if you please. I came here to make my living. You know that; I've told you often enough. It was dad's plan, and I'm carrying it out, just as you are trying to carry out your Hughie's plan. Dad started to sail and sail until he could find the proper islands for planting. He died, and I sailed and sailed until I arrived here. Well," she shrugged her shoulders, "the schooner is at the bottom of the sea; I can't sail any farther; therefore I remain here. And a planter I shall certainly be."

"You see," he began.

"I haven't got to the point," she interrupted. "Looking back on my conduct from the moment I first set foot on your beach, I can see no false pretense—that I have made about myself or my intentions. I was my natural self to you from the first. I told you my plans. And yet you sit there and calmly tell me that you don't know whether I really intend to become a planter, or whether it is all obstinacy and pretense. Now, let me assure you, for the last time, that I really and truly shall become a planter, than's to you, or in spite of you. Do you want me for a partner?"

"But do you realize that I would be looked upon as the most foolish jack-anapes in the South Seas if I took a young girl like you in with me here on Berande?" he asked.

"No; decidedly not? But there you are again, worrying about what idiots and the generally evil-minded will think of you. I should have thought you had learned self-reliance on Berande, instead of needing to lean upon the moral support of every whisky-guzzling worthless South Sea vagabond."

He smiled and said:

"Yes, that is the worst of it. You are unanswerable. Yours is the logic of youth, and no man can answer that. The facts of life can, but they have no place in the logic of youth. Youth must try to live according to its logic. That is the only way to learn better."

"There is no harm in trying?" she interjected.

"But there is. That is the very point. The facts always smash youth's logic, and they usually smash youth's heart, too. It's like platonic friendships and—all such things; they are all right in theory, but they won't work in practice. I used to believe in such things once. That is why I am here in the Solomons at present."

Joan was impatient. He saw that she could not understand. Life was too clearly simple to her. It was only the youth who was arguing with him, the youth with youth's pure-minded and invincible reasoning. Hers was only the boy's soul in a woman's body. He looked at her flushed, eager face, at the great ropes of hair coiled on the small head, at the rounded lines of the figure showing plainly through the home-made gown, and at the eyes, boy's eyes, under cool, level brows—and he wondered why a being that was so much beautiful woman should be no woman at all. Why in the deuce was she not carrotty-haired, or cross-eyed, or hare-lipped?

"Suppose we do become partners on Berande," he said, at the same time experiencing a feeling of fright at the prospect that was tangled with a contradictory feeling of charm; "either I'll fall in love with you, or you with me. Propinquity is dangerous, you know. In fact, it is propinquity that usually gives the face to the logic of youth."

"If you think I came to the Solomons to get married," she began wrathfully. "Well, there are better men in Hawaii, that's all. Really, you know, the way you harp on that one string would lead an unpreju-

diced listener to conclude that you are prurient-minded."

She stopped, appalled. His face had gone red and white with such abruptness as to startle her. He was patently very angry. She sipped the last of her coffee, and arose, saying:

"I'll wait until you are in a better temper before taking up the discussion with you again. That is what's the matter with you. You get angry too easily. Will you come swimming? The tide is just right."

"If she were a man, I'd bundle her off the plantation, root and crop, whaleboat, Tahitian sailors, sovereigns and all," he said to himself after she had left the room.

But that was the trouble. She was not a man, and where would she go and what would happen to her?

He got to his feet, lighted a cigarette, and her Stetson hat, hanging on the wall over her revolver belt, caught his eye. That was the devil of it, too. He did not want her to go. After all, she had not grown up yet. That was why her logic hurt. It was only the



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logic of youth, but it could hurt damnably at times. At any rate, he would resolve upon one thing: never again would he lose his temper with her. She was a child; he must remember that. He sighed heavily. But why in reasonableness had such a child been incorporated in such a woman's form?

And as he continued to stare at her hat and think, the hurt he had received passed away, and he found himself cudgeling his brains for some way out of the muddle—for some method by which she could remain on Berande. A chaperon! Why not? He could send to Sydney on the first steamer for one. He could—

Her thrilling laughter smote upon his revery, and he stepped to the screen door, through which he could see her running down the path to the beach. At her heels ran two of her sailors, Papehara and Mahameme, in scarlet lava-lavas, with naked sheath knives gleaming in their belts. It was another sample of her willfulness. Despite entreaties and command, and warnings of the danger from sharks, she persisted in swimming at any and all times, and by special preference, it seemed to him, immediately after eating.

He watched her take the water, diving cleanly, like a boy, from the end of the little pier; and he watched her strike out, with single overhand stroke, her hench-

men swimming a dozen feet away on either side. He did not have much faith in their ability to beat off a hungry man-eater, though he did believe, implicitly, that their lives would go bravely before hers in case of an attack.

Straight out they swam, their heads growing smaller and smaller. There was a slight restless heave to the sea, and soon the three heads were disappearing behind it with greater frequency. He strained his eyes to keep them in sight, and finally fetched the telescope on to the veranda. A squall was making over from the direction of Florida; but then, she and her men laughed at squalls and the white choppy sea at such times. She certainly could swim, he had long since concluded. That came of her training in Hawaii. But sharks were sharks, and he had known of more than one good swimmer drowned in a tide-rip.

The squall blackened the sky, beat the ocean white where he had last seen the three heads, and then blotted out sea and sky and everything with its deluge of rain. It passed on, and Berande emerged in the bright sunshine as the three swimmers emerged from the sea. Sheldon slipped inside with the telescope, and through the screen door watched her run up the path, shaking down her hair as she ran, to the fresh-water shower under the house.

On the veranda, that afternoon, he broached the proposition of a chaperon as delicately as he could, explaining the necessity at Berande for such a body, a house-keeper to run the boys and the storeroom and perform divers other useful functions. When he had finished he waited anxiously for what Joan would say.

"Then you don't like the way I've been managing the house?" was her first objection. And next, brushing his attempted explanations aside: "One of two things would happen: Either I should cancel our partnership agreement and go away, leaving you to get another chaperon to chaperon your chaperon; or else I'd take the old hen out in the whaleboat and drown her. Do you imagine for one moment that I sailed my schooner down here to this raw edge of the earth in order to put myself under a chaperon?"

"But really—er—you know—a chaperon is a necessary evil," he objected.

"We've got along very nicely so far without one. Did I have one on the Miele? And yet I was the only woman on board. There are only three things I am afraid of: bumble bees, scarlet fever and chaperons. Ugh!—the clucking, evil-minded monsters, finding wrong in everything, seeing sin in the most innocent actions, and suggesting sin—yes, causing sin, by their diseased imaginings."

"Phew!" Sheldon leaned back from the table in mock fear.

"You needn't worry about your bread and butter," he ventured. "If you fail at planting, you would be sure to succeed as a writer—novels with a purpose, you know."

"I didn't think there were persons in the Solomons who needed such books," she retorted. "But you are certainly one—you and your custodians of virtue."

He winced, but Joan rattled on with the platitudinous originality of youth.

"As if anything good were worth while when it has to be guarded and put in leg irons and handcuffs in order to keep it good. Your desire for a chaperon as much as implies that I am that sort of a creature. I prefer to be good because it is good to be good, rather than because I can't be bad because some argus-eyed old frump won't let me have a chance to be bad."

"But it—it is not that," he put in. "It is what others will think."

"Let them think, the nasty-minded wretches! It is because men like you are afraid of the nasty-minded that you allow their opinions to rule you."

"I am afraid you are a female Shelley," he replied. "And as such, you really drive me to become your partner in order to protect you."

"If you take me as a partner in order to protect me—I—I shan't be your partner, that's all. You'll drive me into buying Pari-Sulay yet."

"All the more reason," he attempted.

"Do you know what I'll do?" she demanded. "I'll find some man in the Solomons who won't want to protect me."



# The Amateur Bill of One-Act Plays



Sketches by  
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The socialistic playlet in which Vasilis, the heroine, tells her mother (who made up all by herself) and her drunken father that she was made to have beautiful things, and that the "very walls of this tenement are a curse upon mankind."



Helen, wife of a dive keeper, has just confessed that, although faithful in fact she has erred in spirit, having held communion with a soul mate.

The atmosphere of the "Wee Theater" is not all that it should be, and when the lady on the stage says that she is stifled, and crushed, and smothered, and longs for the free air, the audience is with her.

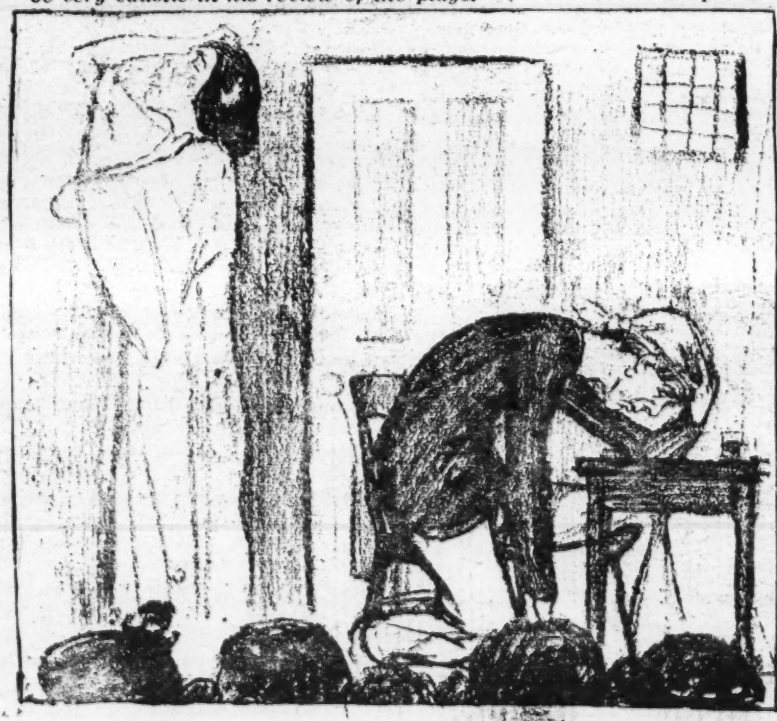
"Sssh!" The author hears a titter during the presentation of his tragedy.



Dramatic critic, who lost his hat, is going to be very caustic in his review of the plays.

The mystic play in which Miss Timmons, the author, has solved the riddle of the universe, called "Surging Dawn," and showing Stage Director Gulp's novel moonlight effects.

Socialistic writer and free verse advocate, handing drama a jab during intermission.



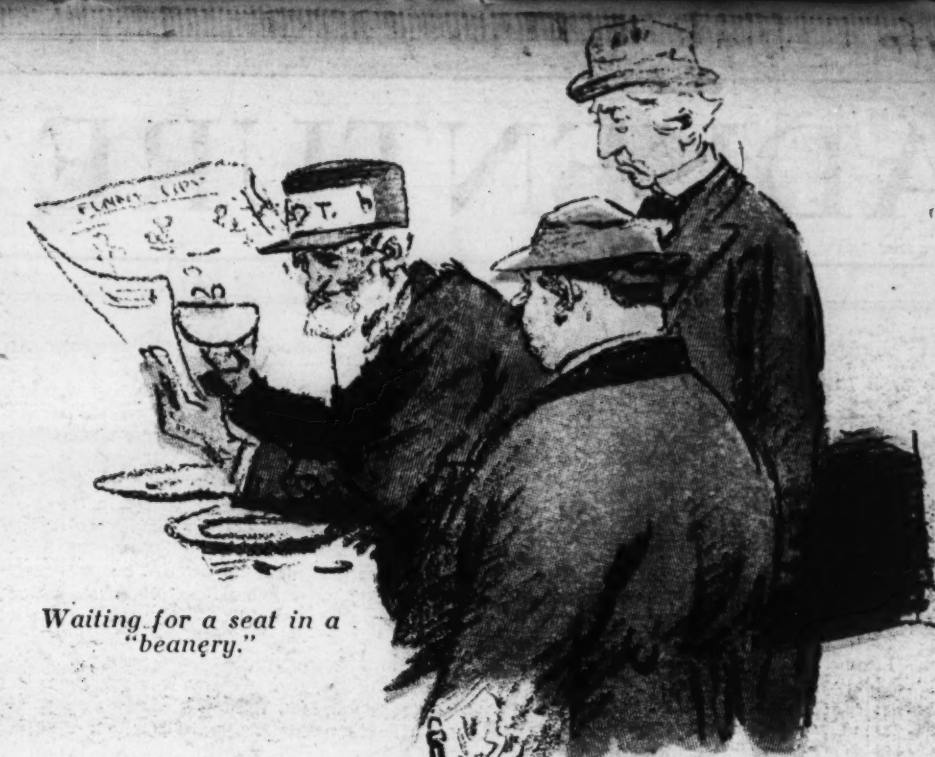
The curse of jealousy. But in this heavily melodramatic sketch she is leaving him because he has refused longer to be jealous.



"Oh, my dear, I don't think so; the whole thing should be played in a higher key. The tempo of the scene is wrong."

## "WAITING"

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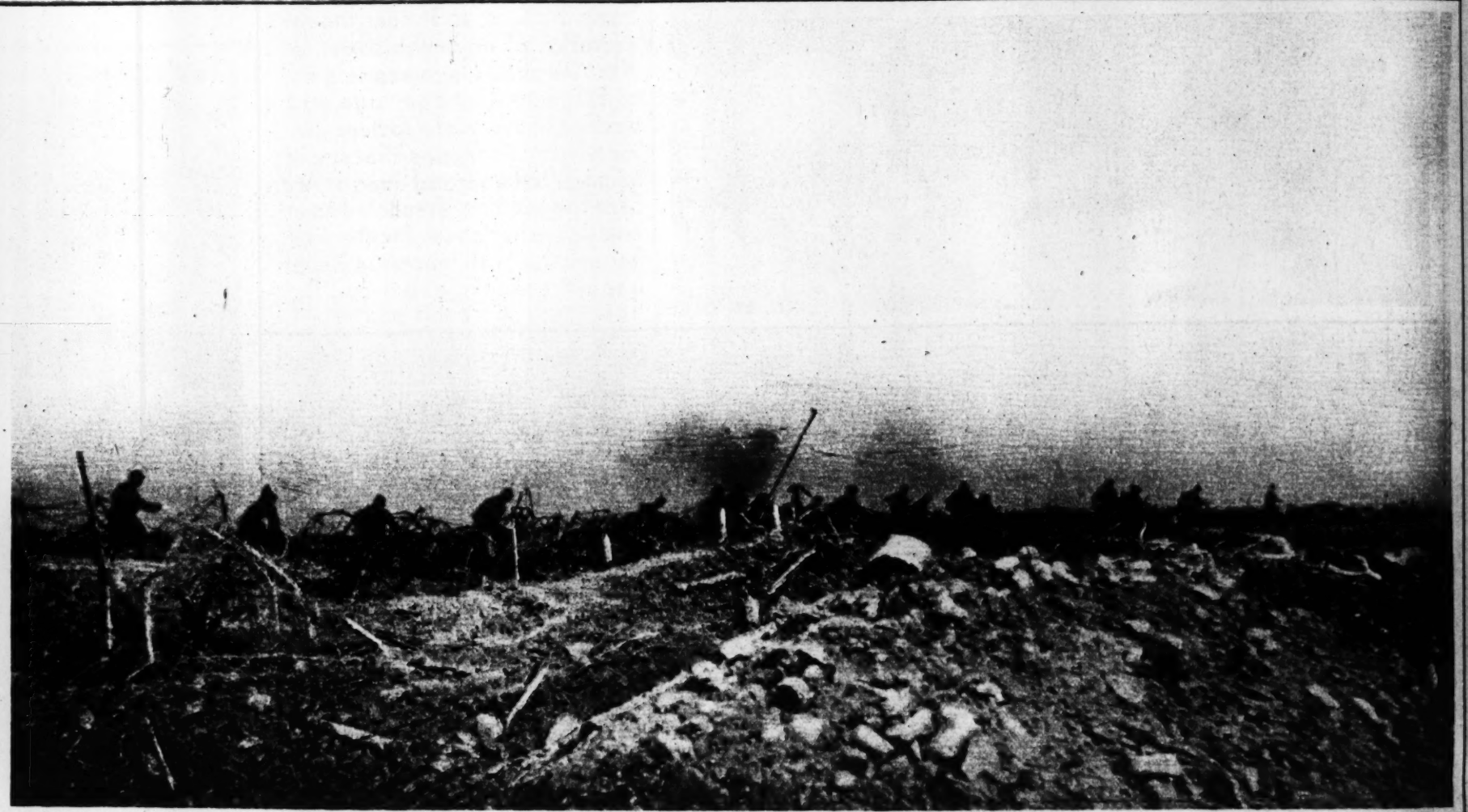




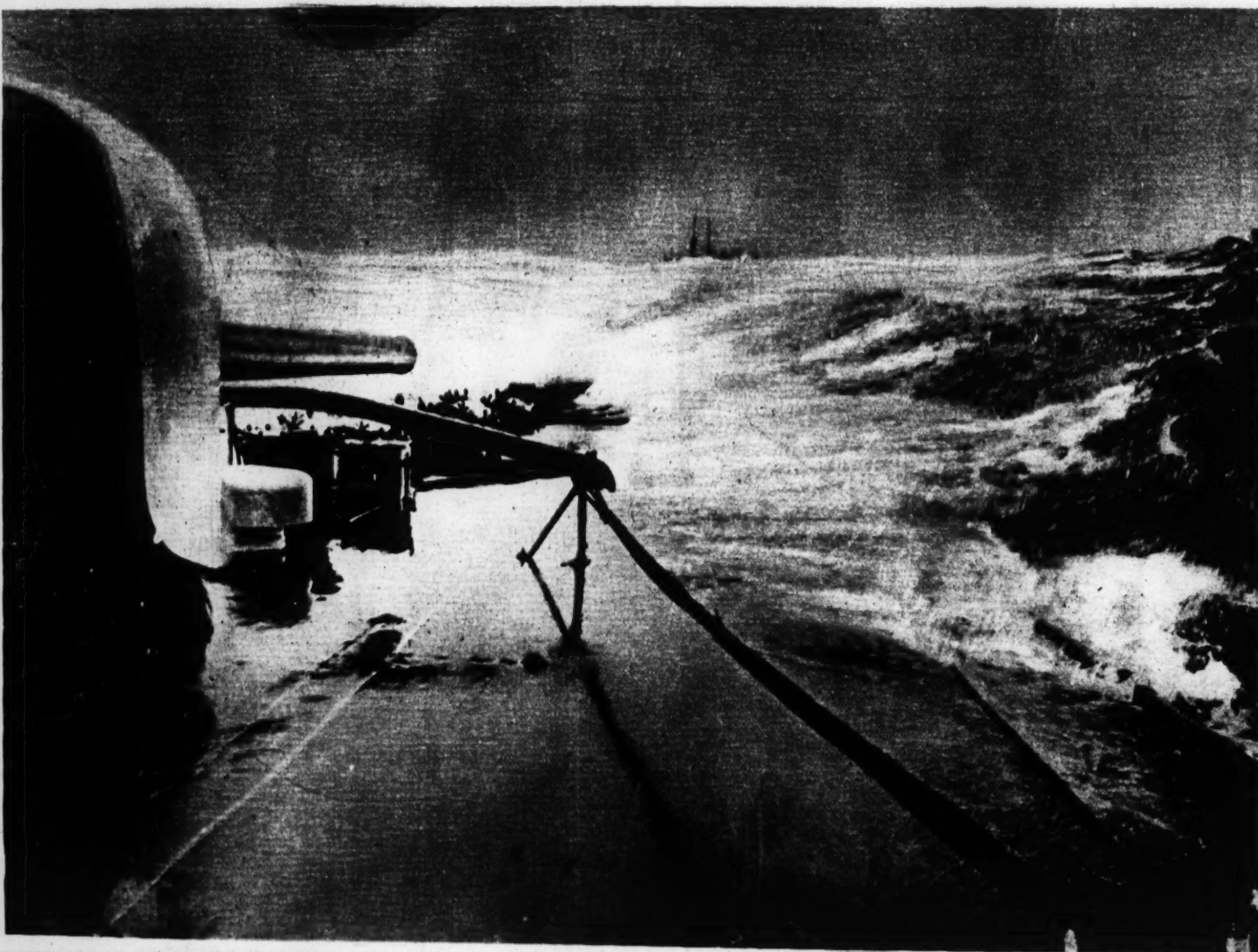
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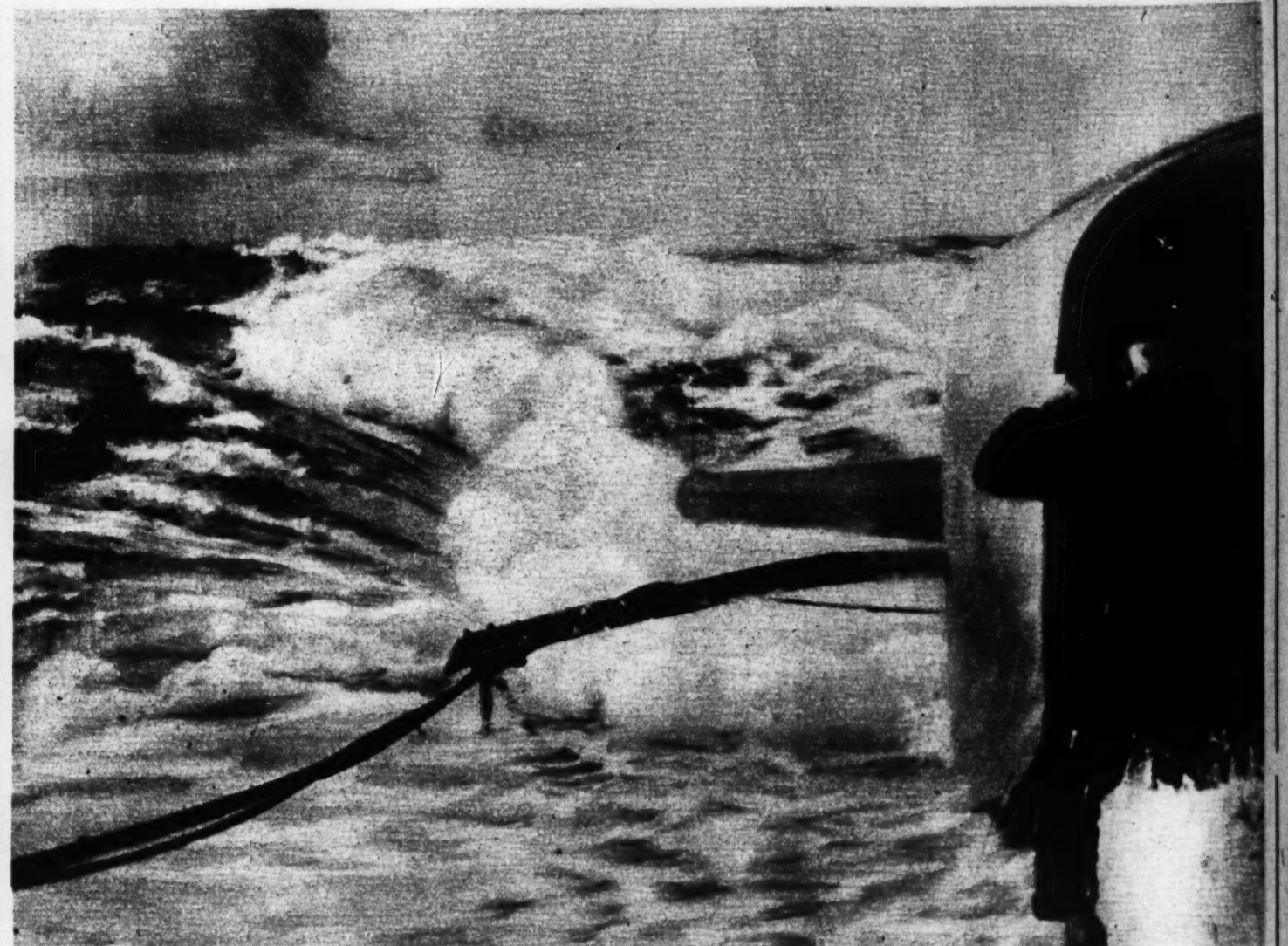
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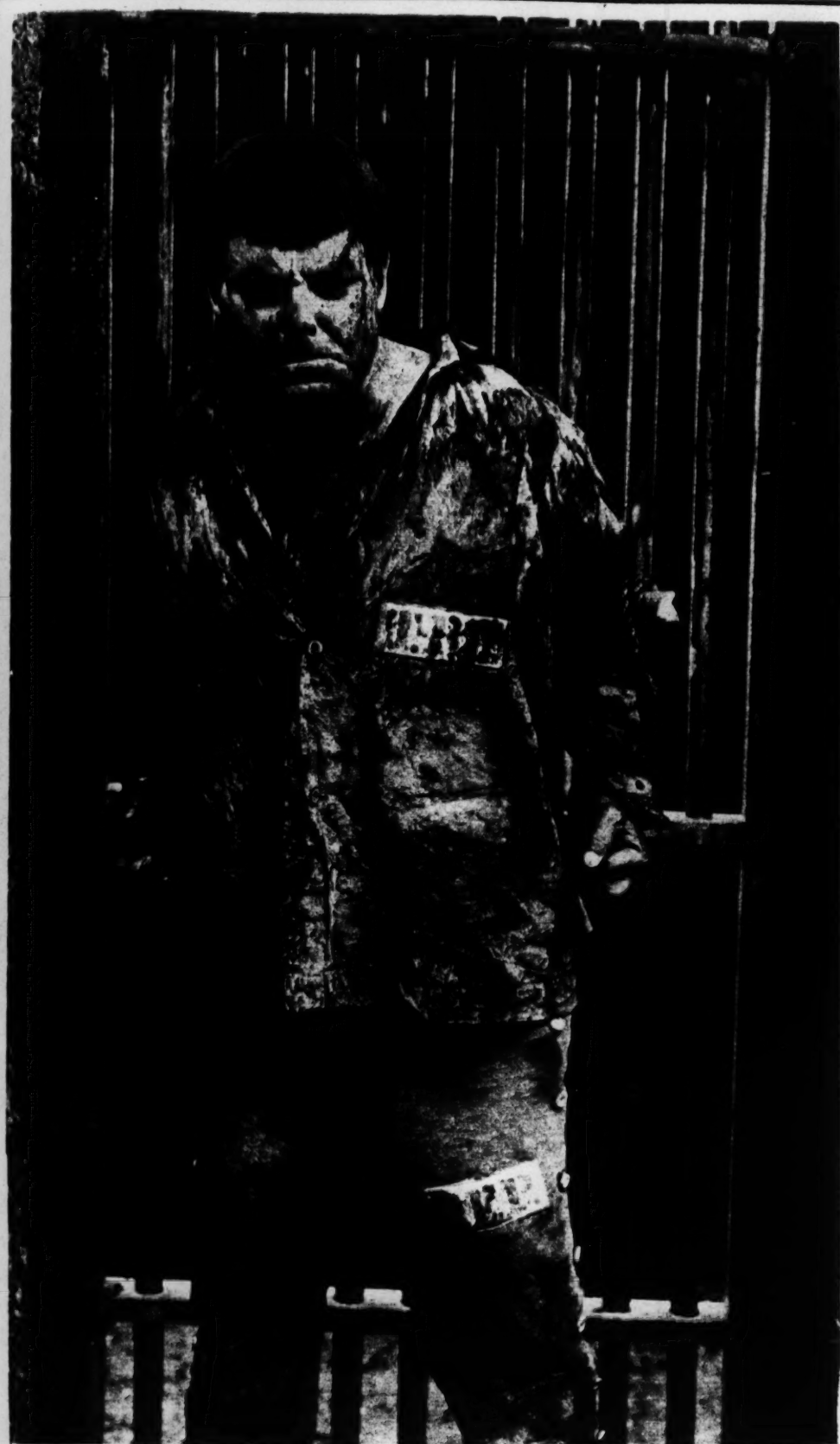


The gunners and the lookout, inside the steel shelter of a gun housing, as their patrol boat buries its nose under the water in the North Sea. + © U.S.U.

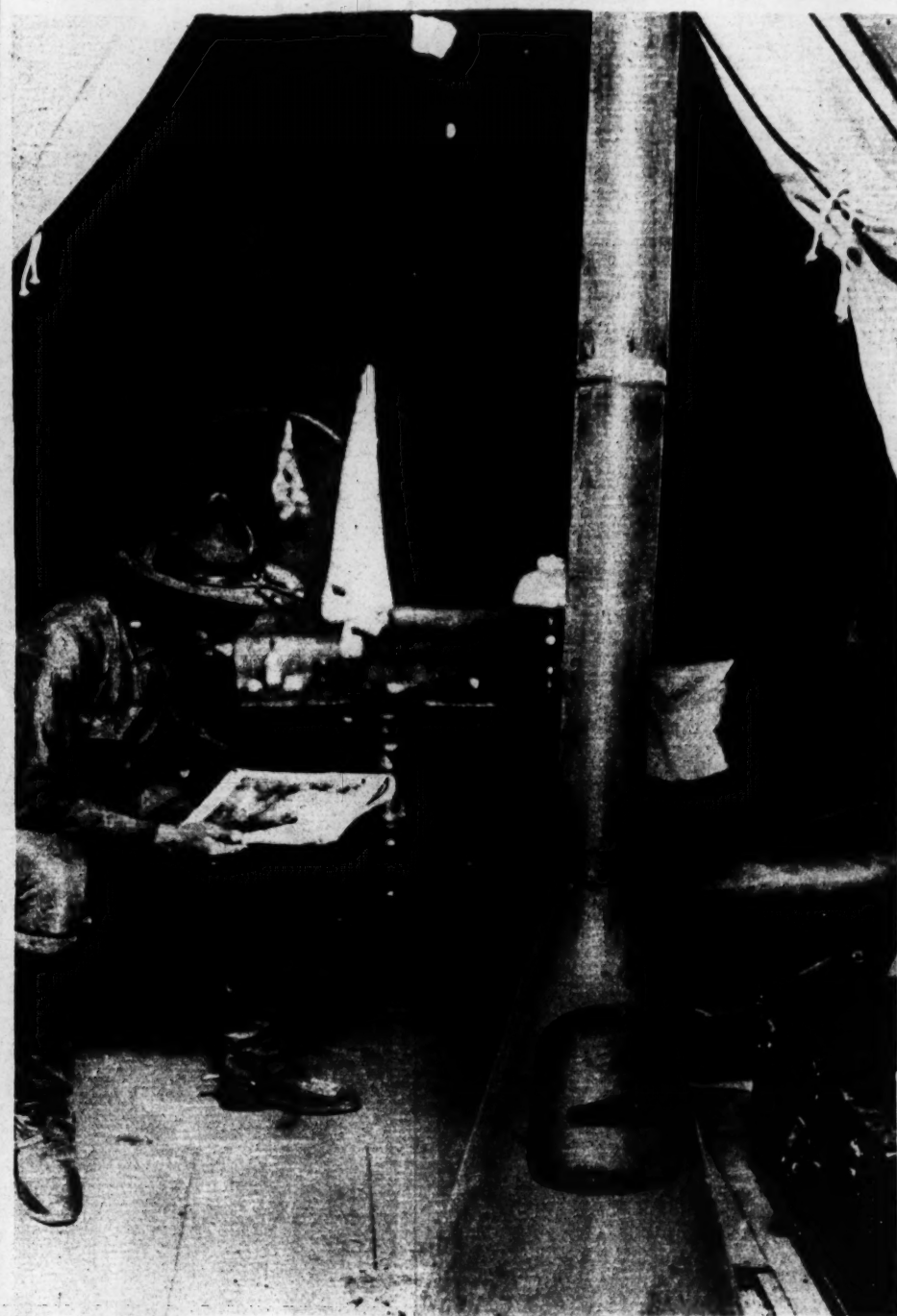
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William Farnum as Jean Valjean, in the film version of "Les Miserables."



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Capt. Sevier Rains Tupper and his bride, who was Miss Isabel Cabanne, of St. Louis. She was the third member of her family to marry an army officer within a year.

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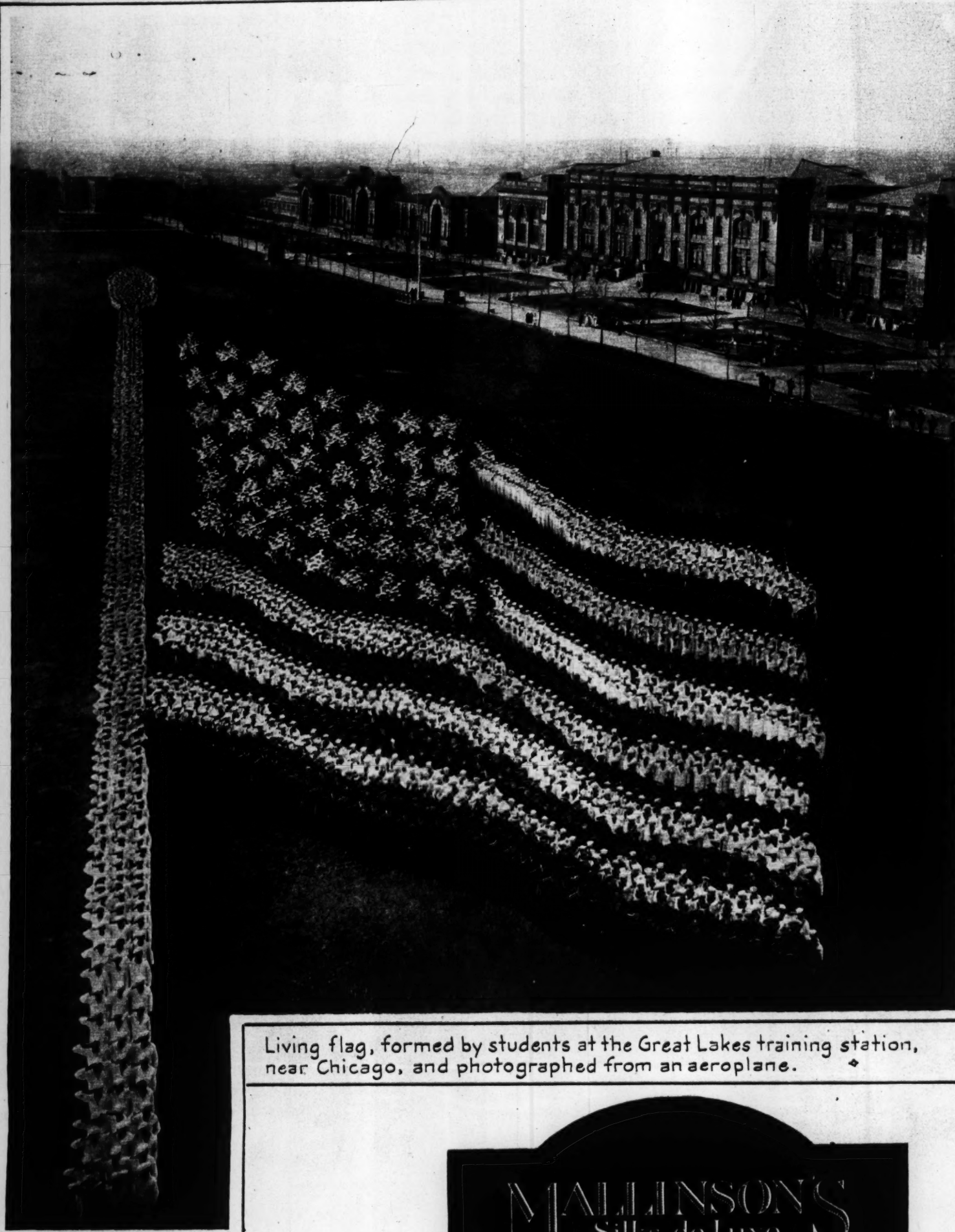


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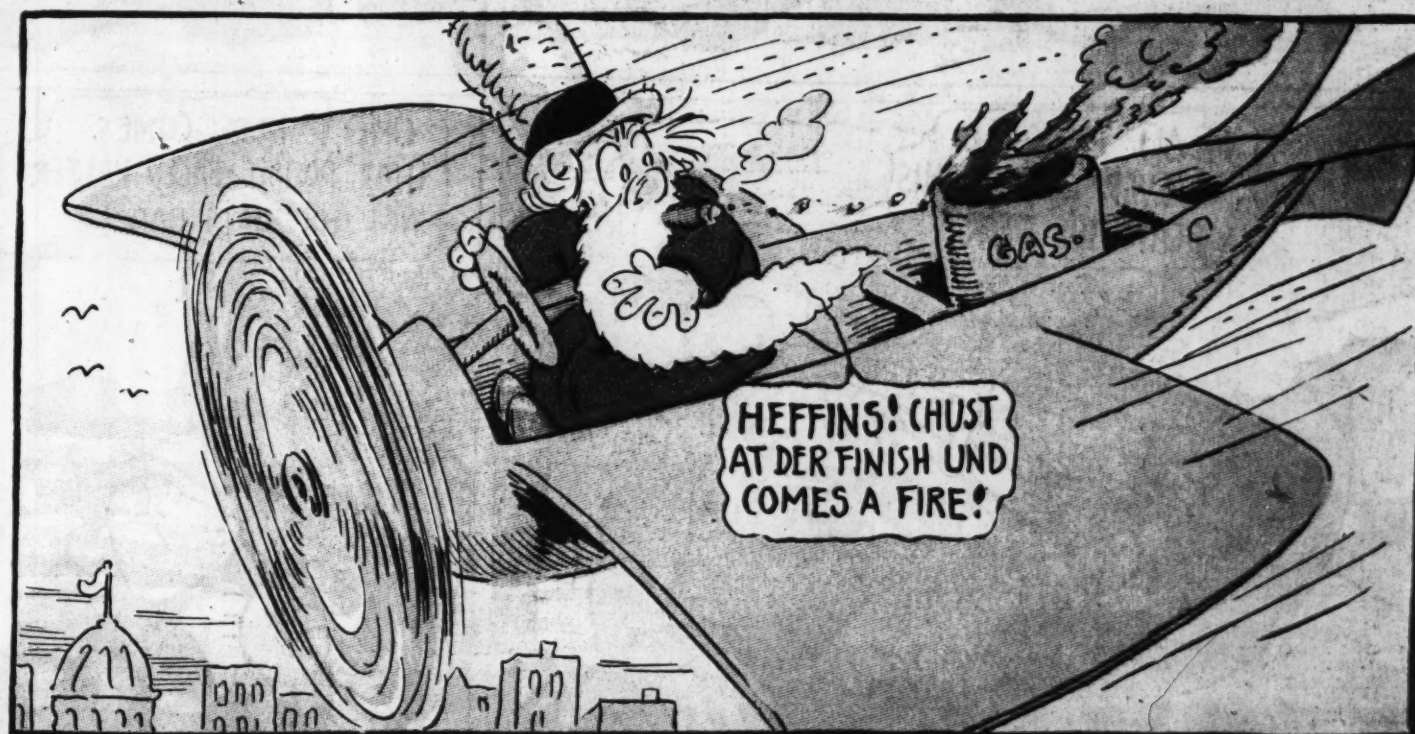
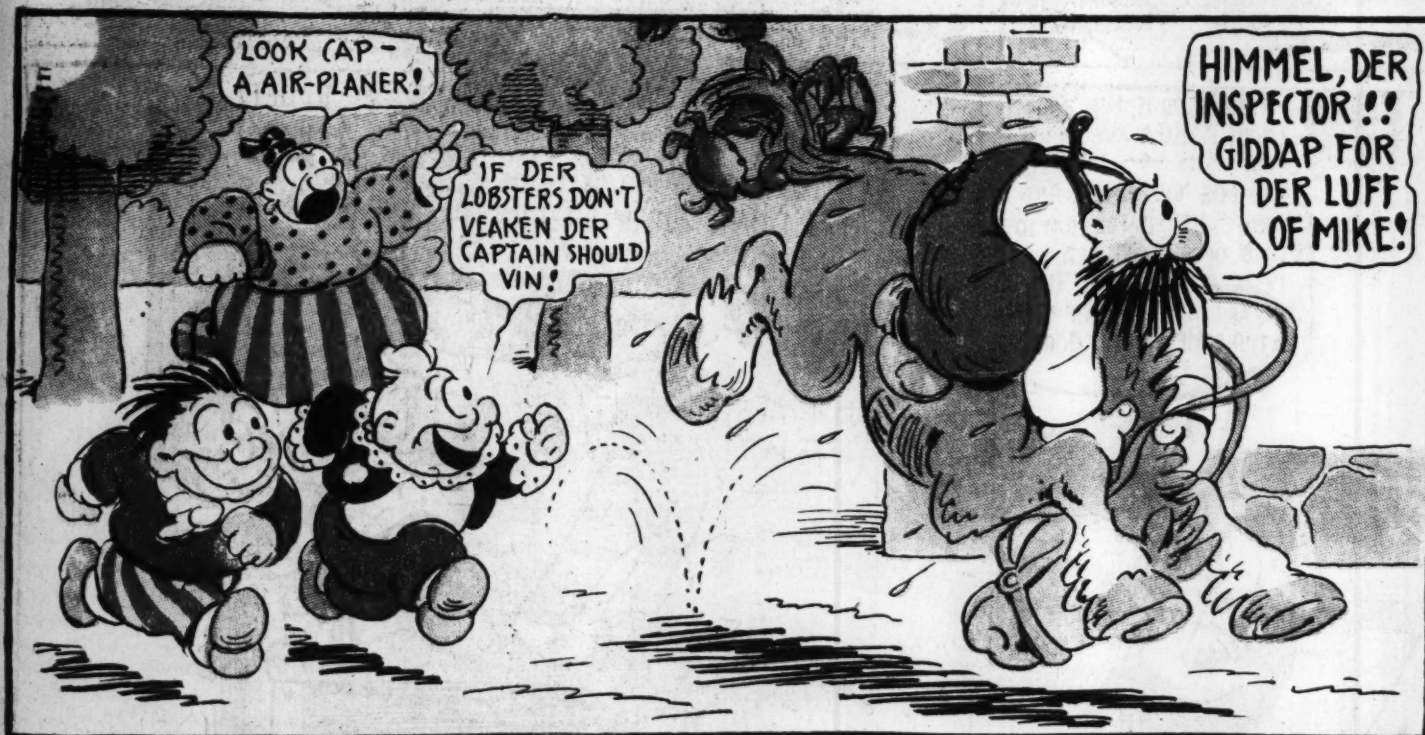
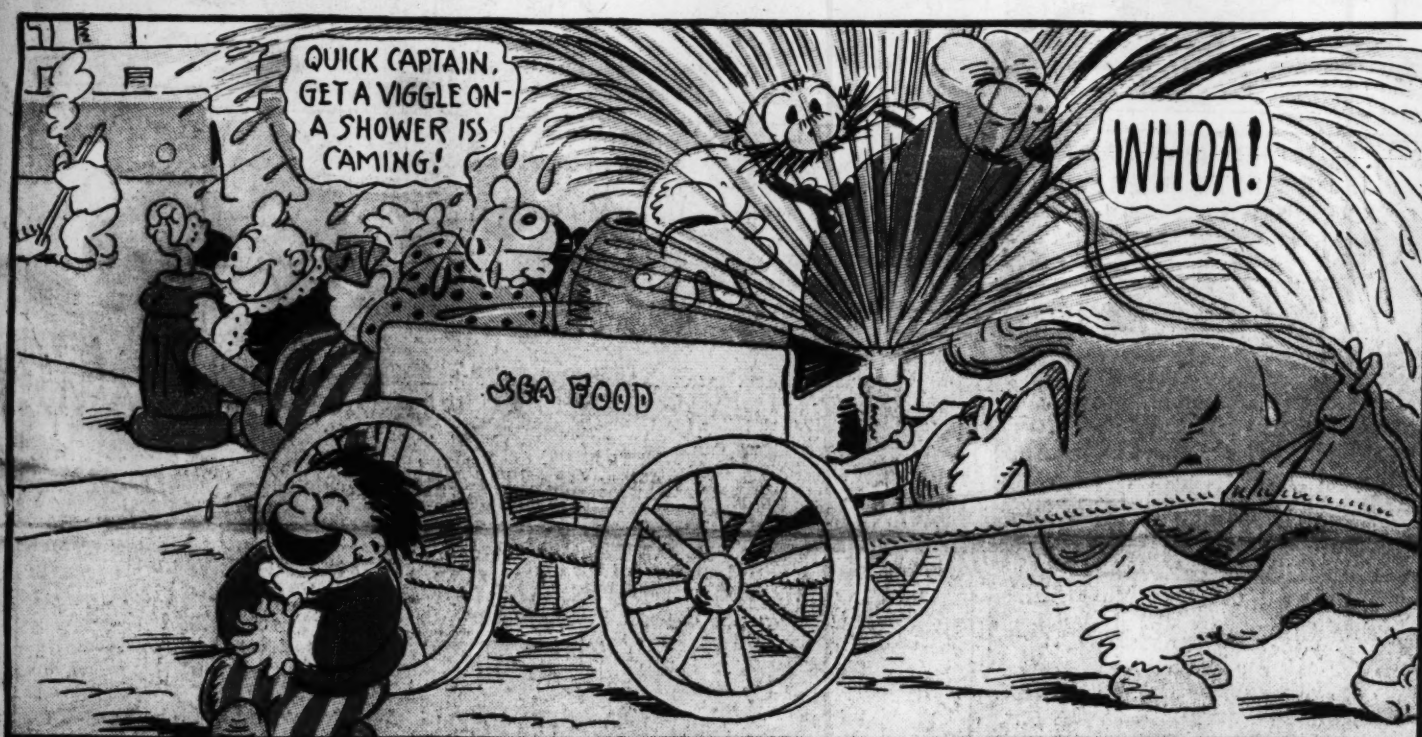
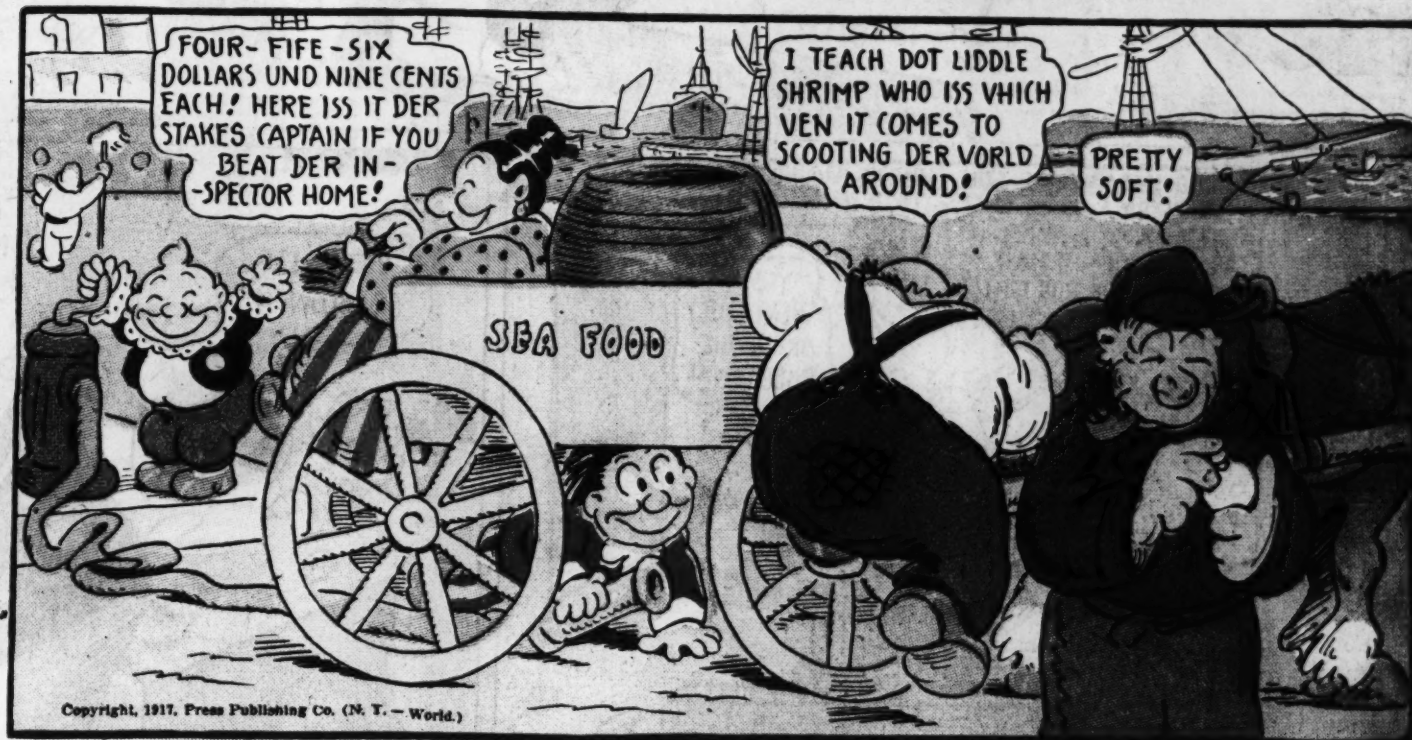


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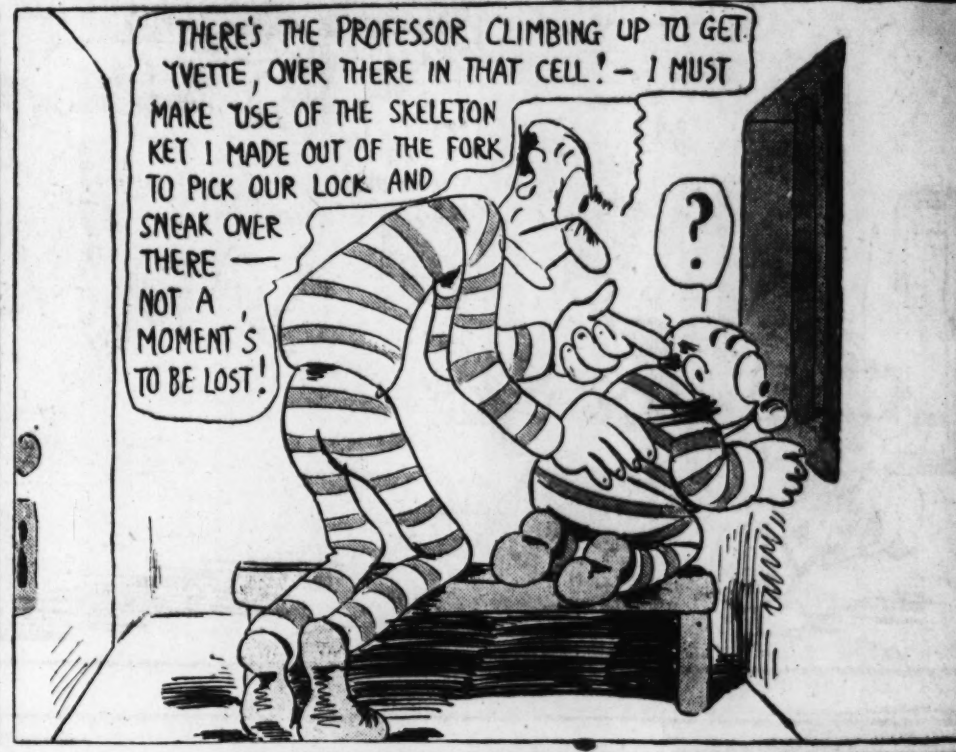
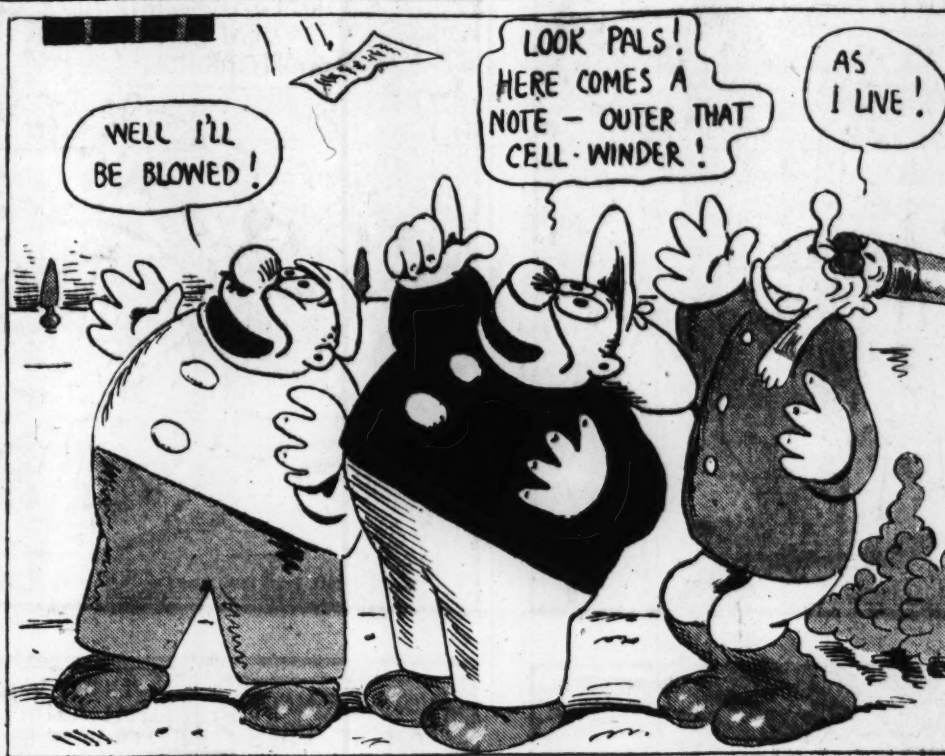
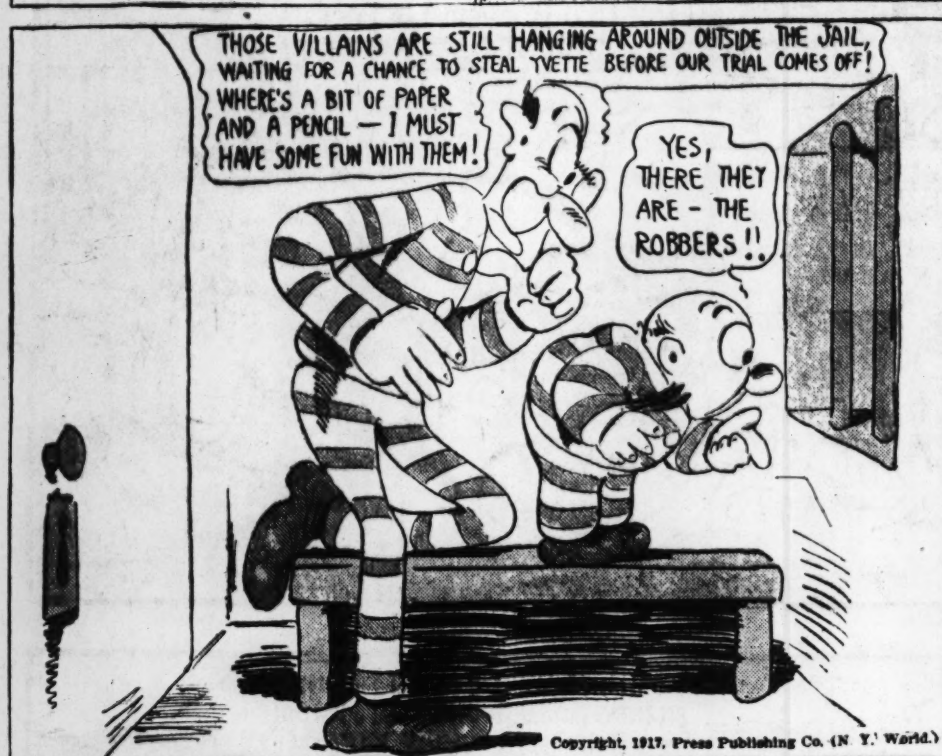






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